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THE
NEW **LEGION**
OF SUPER-HEROES[®]



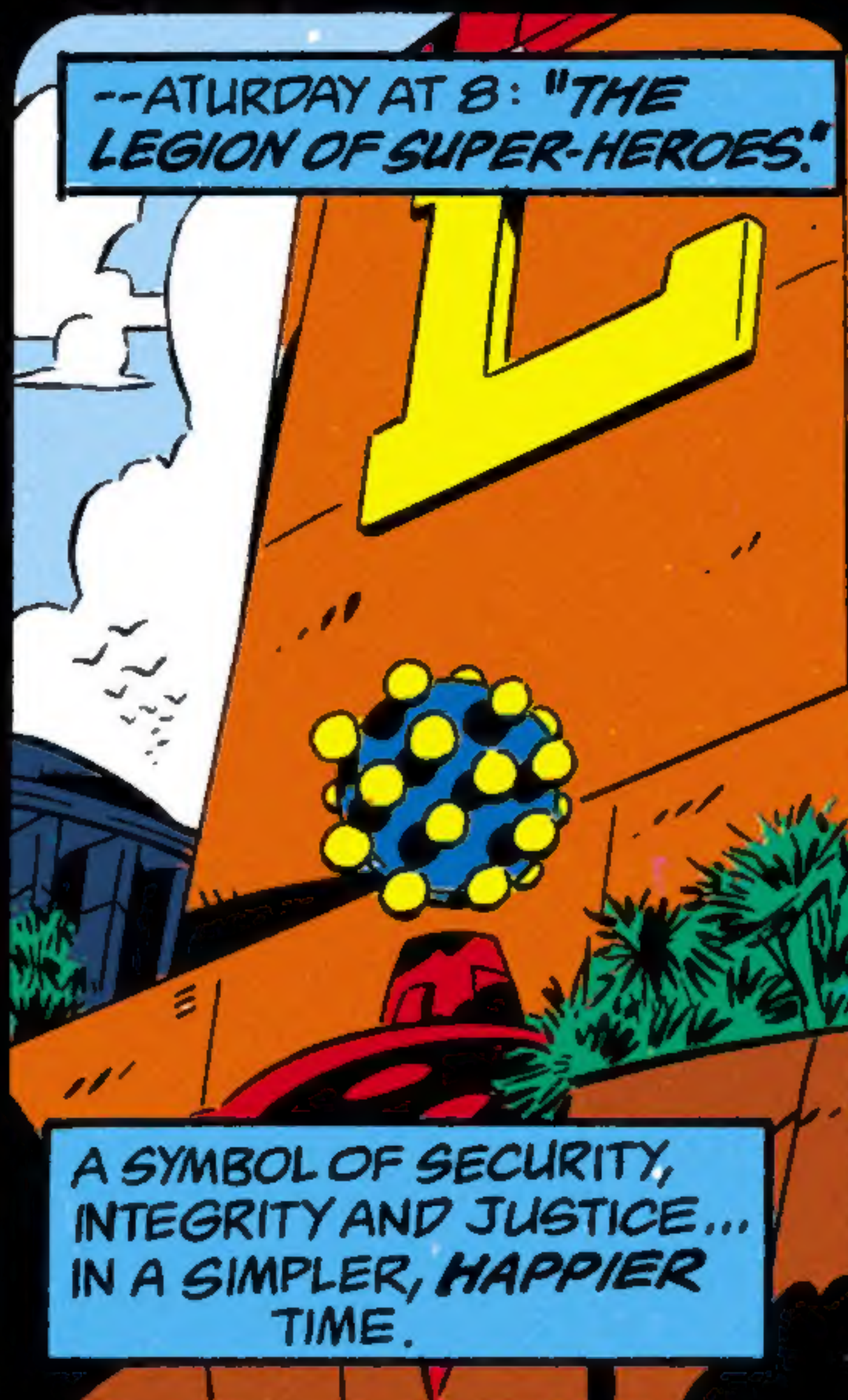
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KEITH GIFFEN • TOM & MARY BEEBE • JIM AL GORDON

FIVE YEARS LATER...

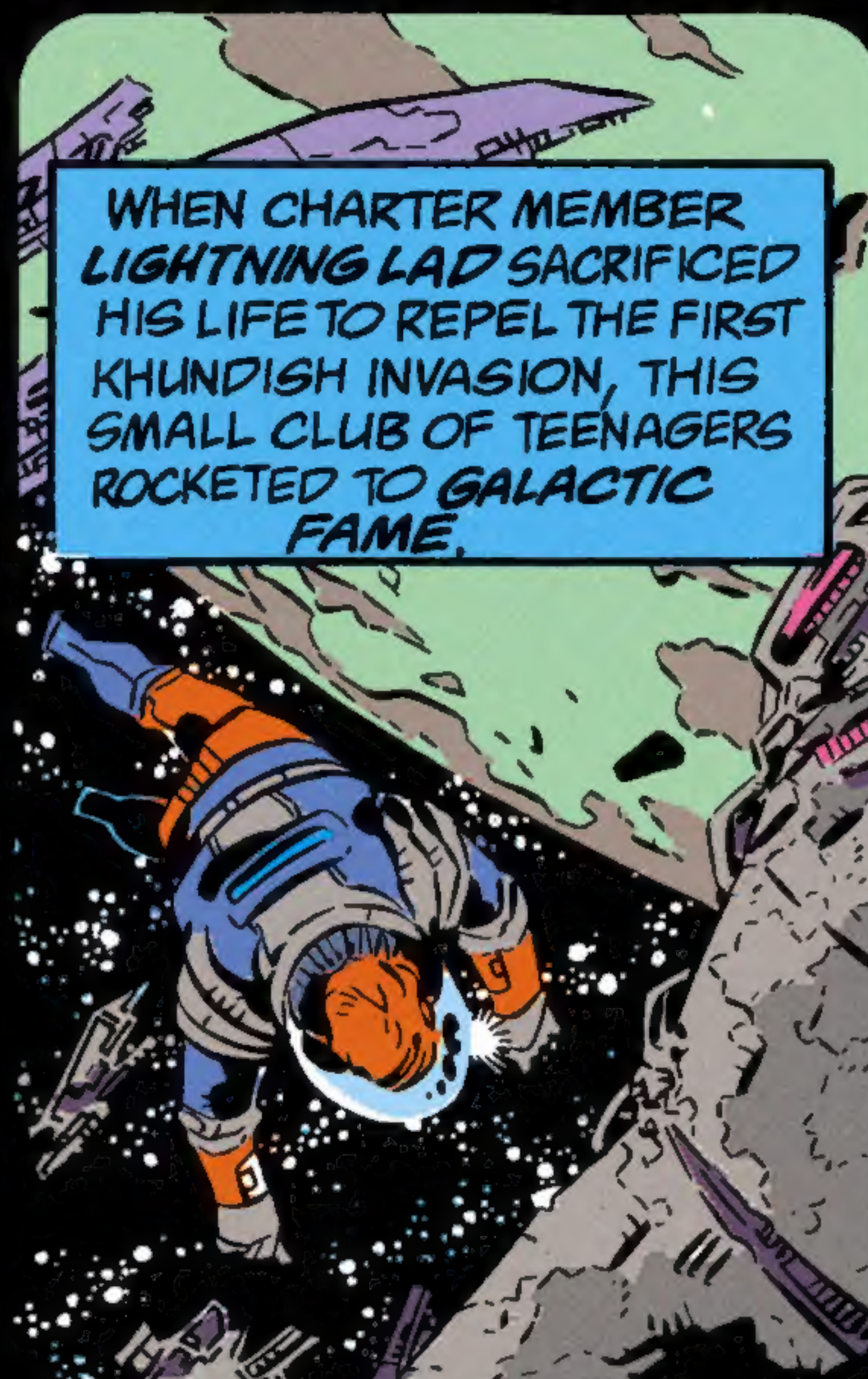
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--ATURDAY AT 8: "THE
LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES."

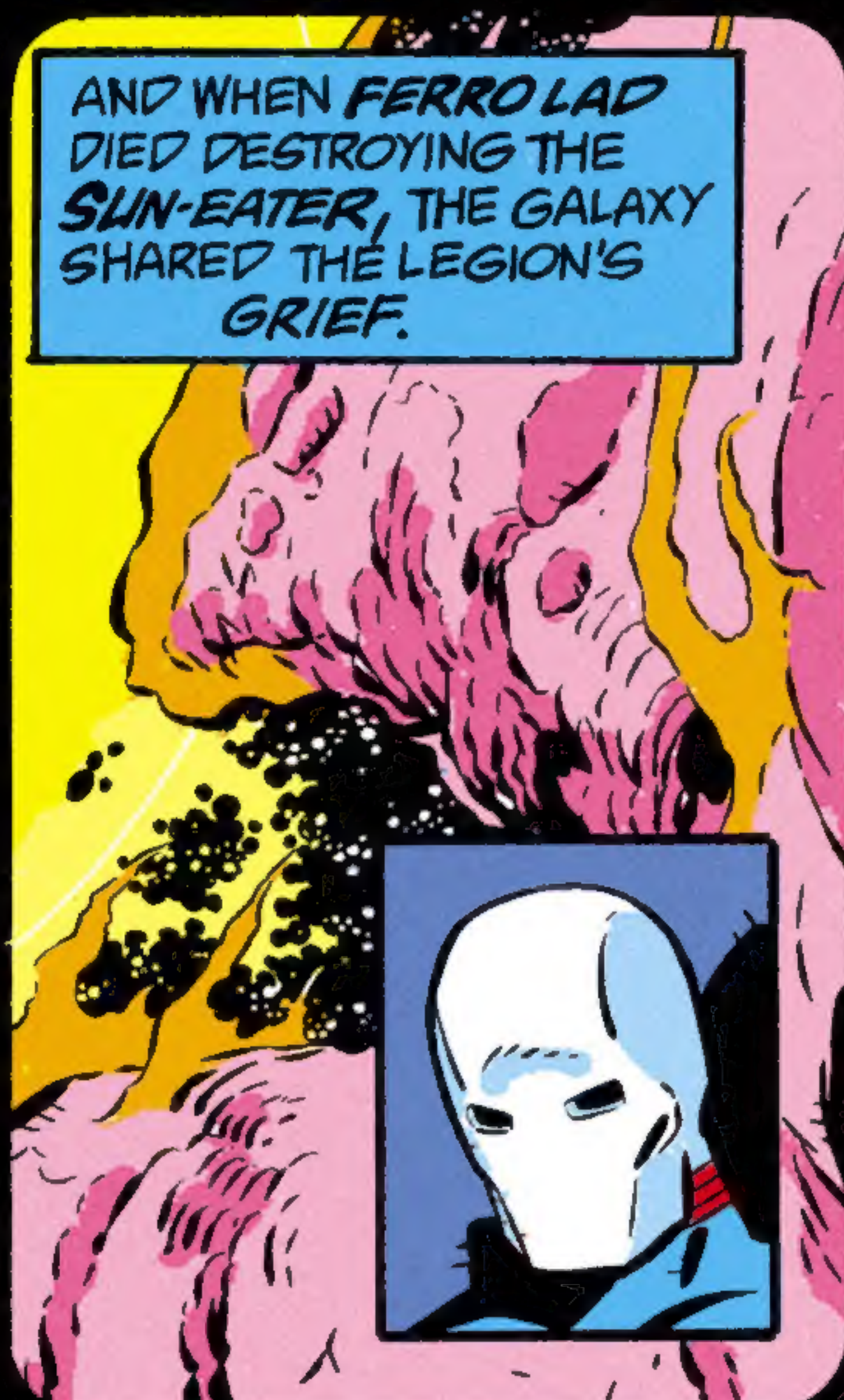


A SYMBOL OF SECURITY,
INTEGRITY AND JUSTICE...
IN A SIMPLER, **HAPPIER**
TIME.

WHEN CHARTER MEMBER
LIGHTNING LAD SACRIFICED
HIS LIFE TO REPEL THE FIRST
KHUNDISH INVASION, THIS
SMALL CLUB OF TEENAGERS
ROCKETED TO **GALACTIC**
FAME.



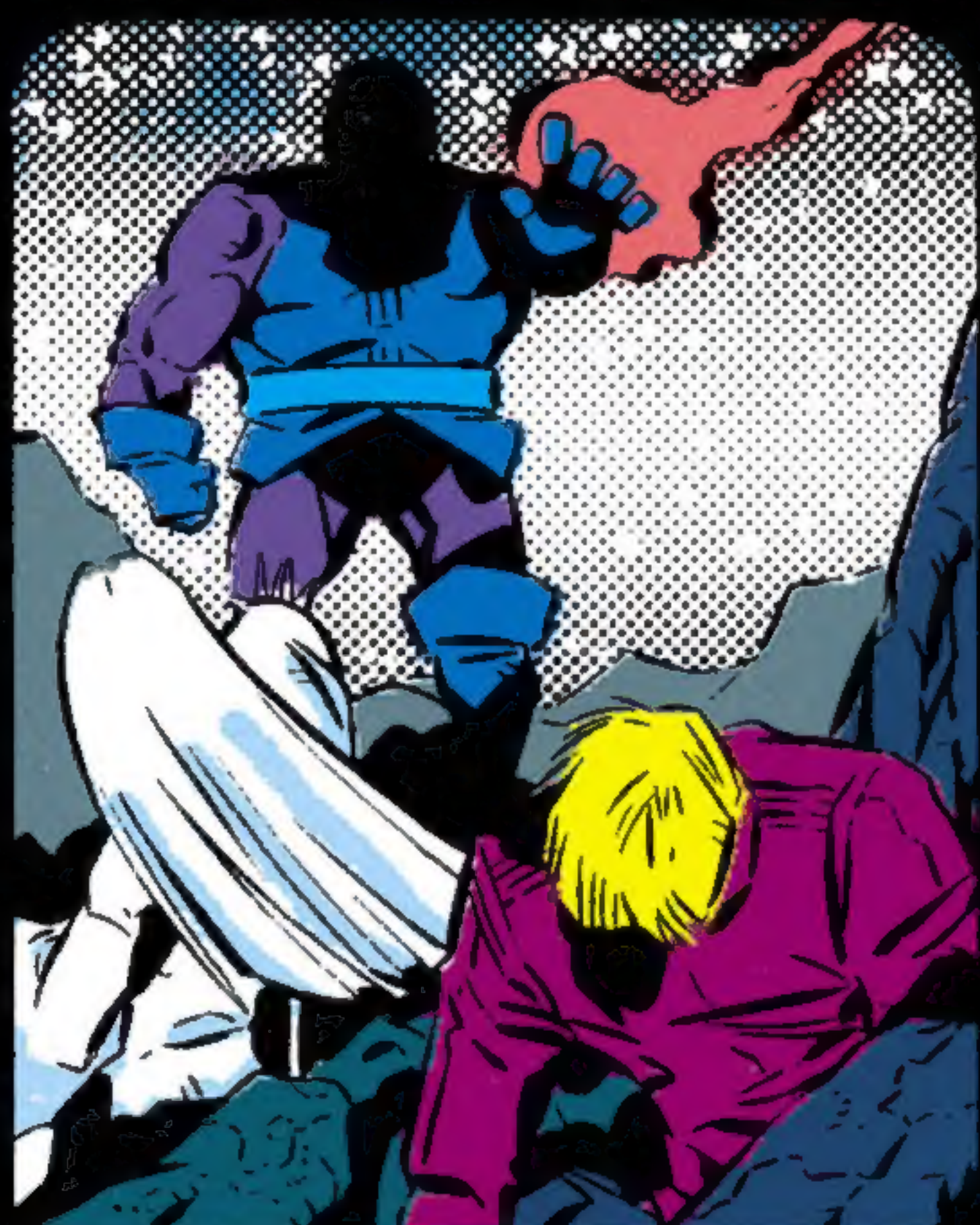
AND WHEN **FERROLAD**
DIED DESTROYING THE
SUN-EATER, THE GALAXY
SHARED THE LEGION'S
GRIEF.



WORLDS LEARNED TO
TRUST AND **RELY** UPON THE
LEGION AS THE **FATAL FIVE**
AND OTHER DEADLY
THREATS AROSE...

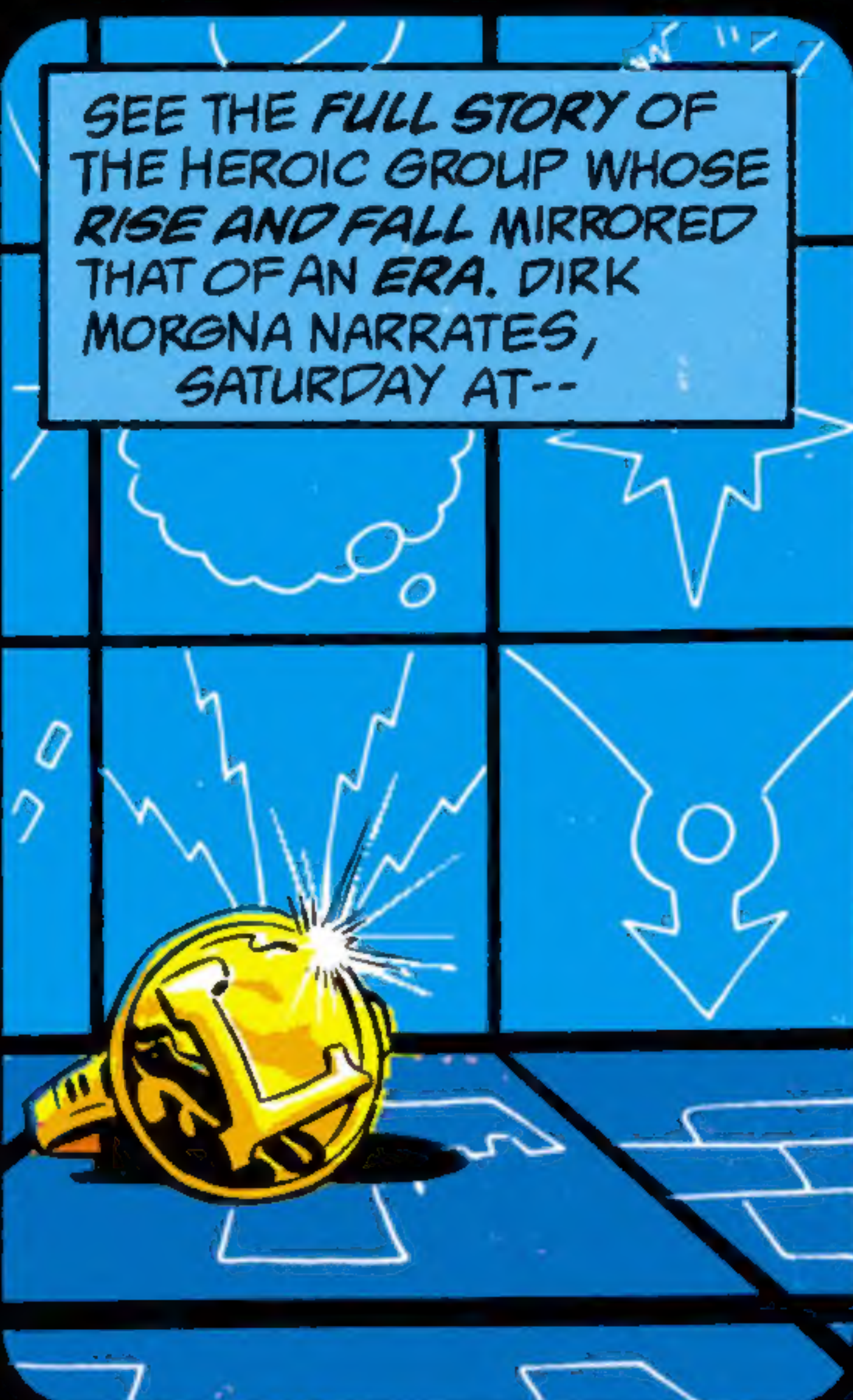


...AND TO BE **SUSPICIOUS** OF ITS
POWER WHEN ONE OF THE LEGION'S
OWN BIRTHED THE CATACLYSMIC
OMEGA.



BUT DURING THE CENTURY'S
DARKEST HOUR, THE LEGION
STOOD ITS GROUND AGAINST
DARKSEID--AND THE UNIVERSE
SURVIVED.

SEE THE **FULL STORY** OF
THE HEROIC GROUP WHOSE
RISE AND FALL MIRRORED
THAT OF AN ERA. DIRK
MORONA NARRATES,
SATURDAY AT--



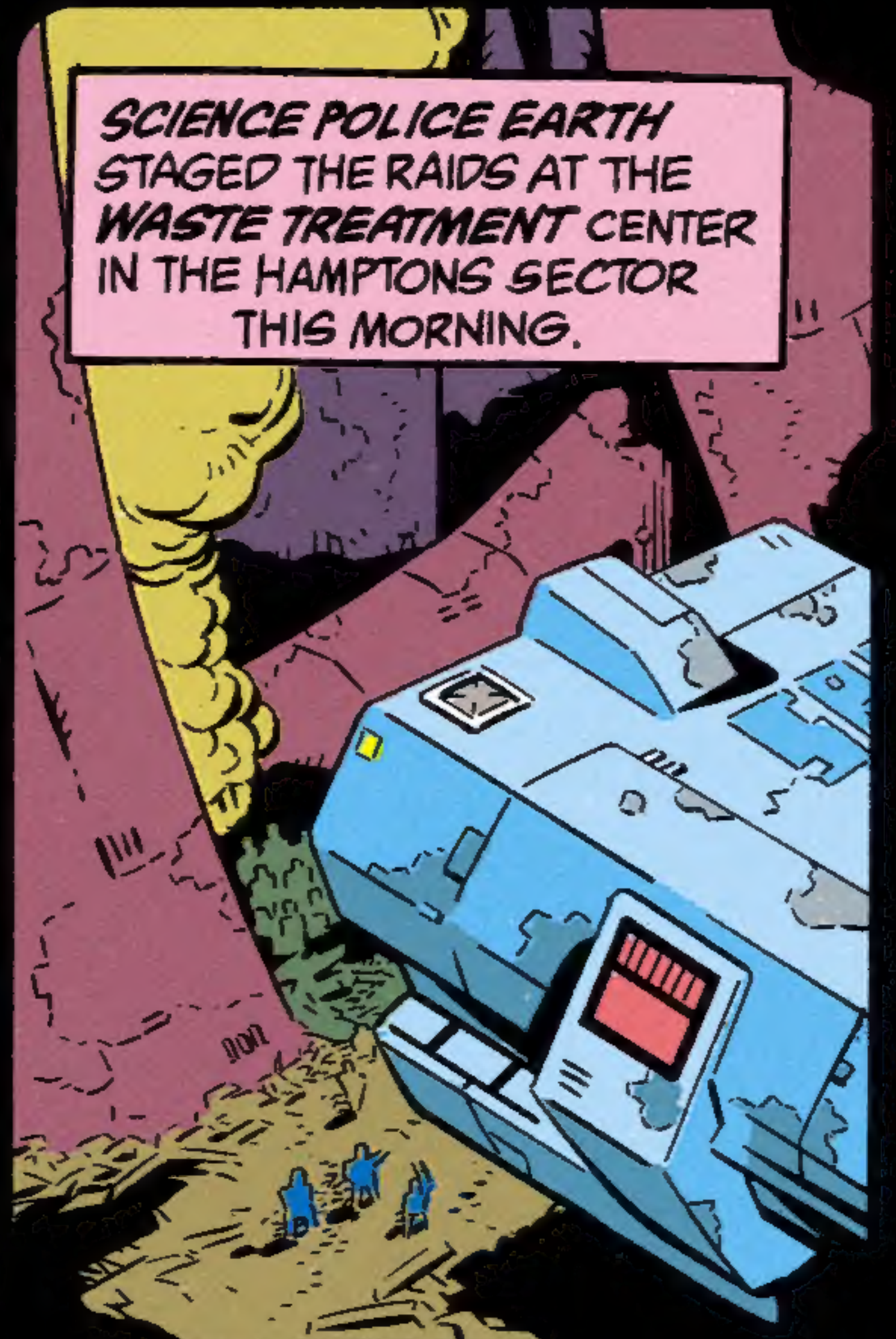
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...LATEST RAID ON ANTI-GOVERNMENT TERRORISTS NETTED 35 SUSPECTS...



...ALL BELIEVED TO BE IN LEAGUE WITH KHUNDISH ESPIONAGE EFFORTS.

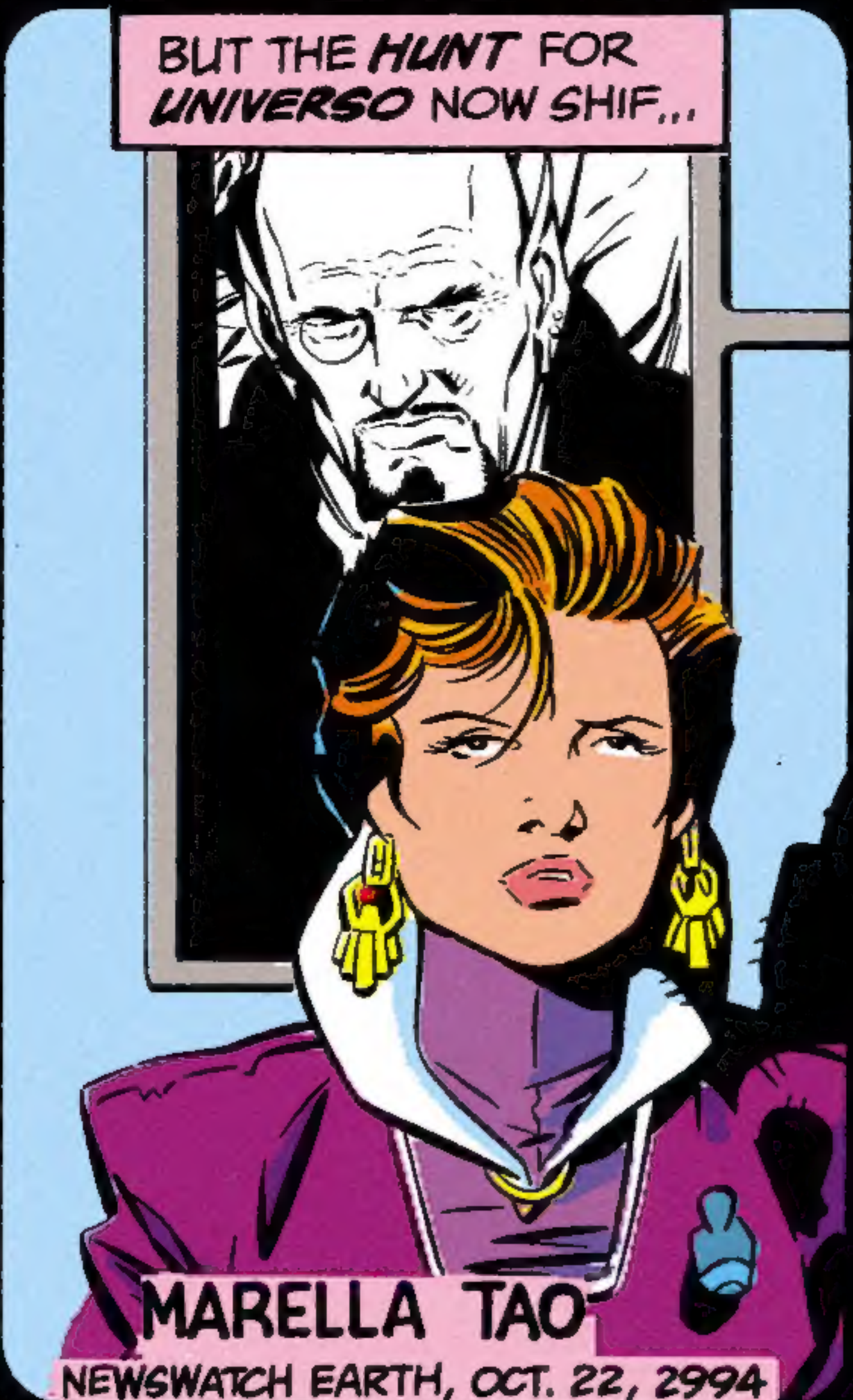


SCIENCE POLICE EARTH STAGED THE RAIDS AT THE WASTE TREATMENT CENTER IN THE HAMPTONS SECTOR THIS MORNING.



AUTHORITIES HAD HOPED TO SNARE VIDAR, A.K.A. *UNIVERSO*...

...BELIEVED TO BE THE TERRORISTS' *RINGLEADER*.



BUT THE *HUNT* FOR *UNIVERSO* NOW SHIF...

MARELLA TAO

NEWSWATCH EARTH, OCT. 22, 2994

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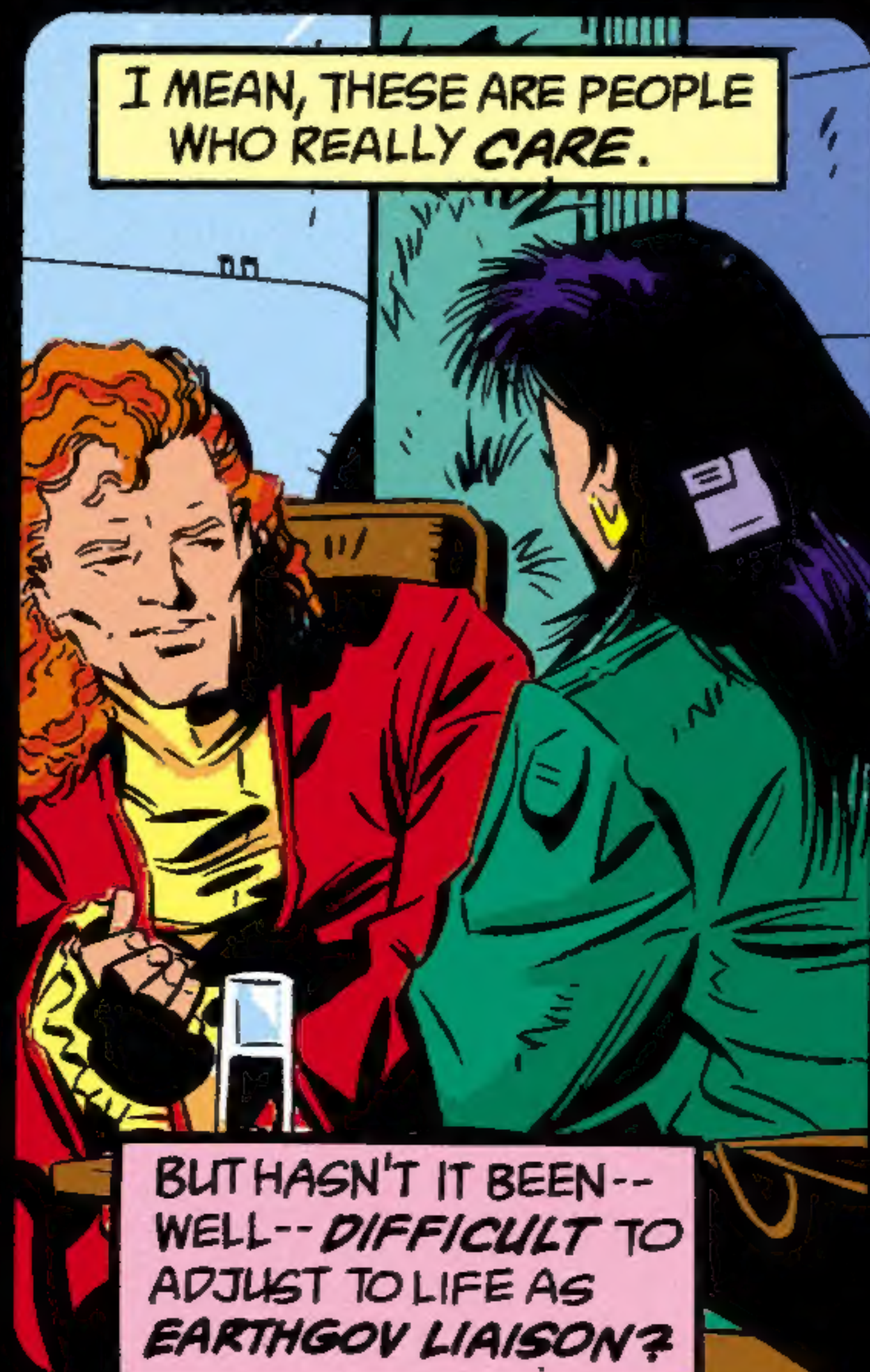


...SUN-DRENCHED PLAYGROUND FOR THOSE WITH A *CHIC STREA*...

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...PLEASURE WORKING WITH PRESIDENT WELLINGTON AND HER *STAFF*.



I MEAN, THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO REALLY CARE.

BUT HASN'T IT BEEN-- WELL-- DIFFICULT TO ADJUST TO LIFE AS EARTHOV LIAISON?

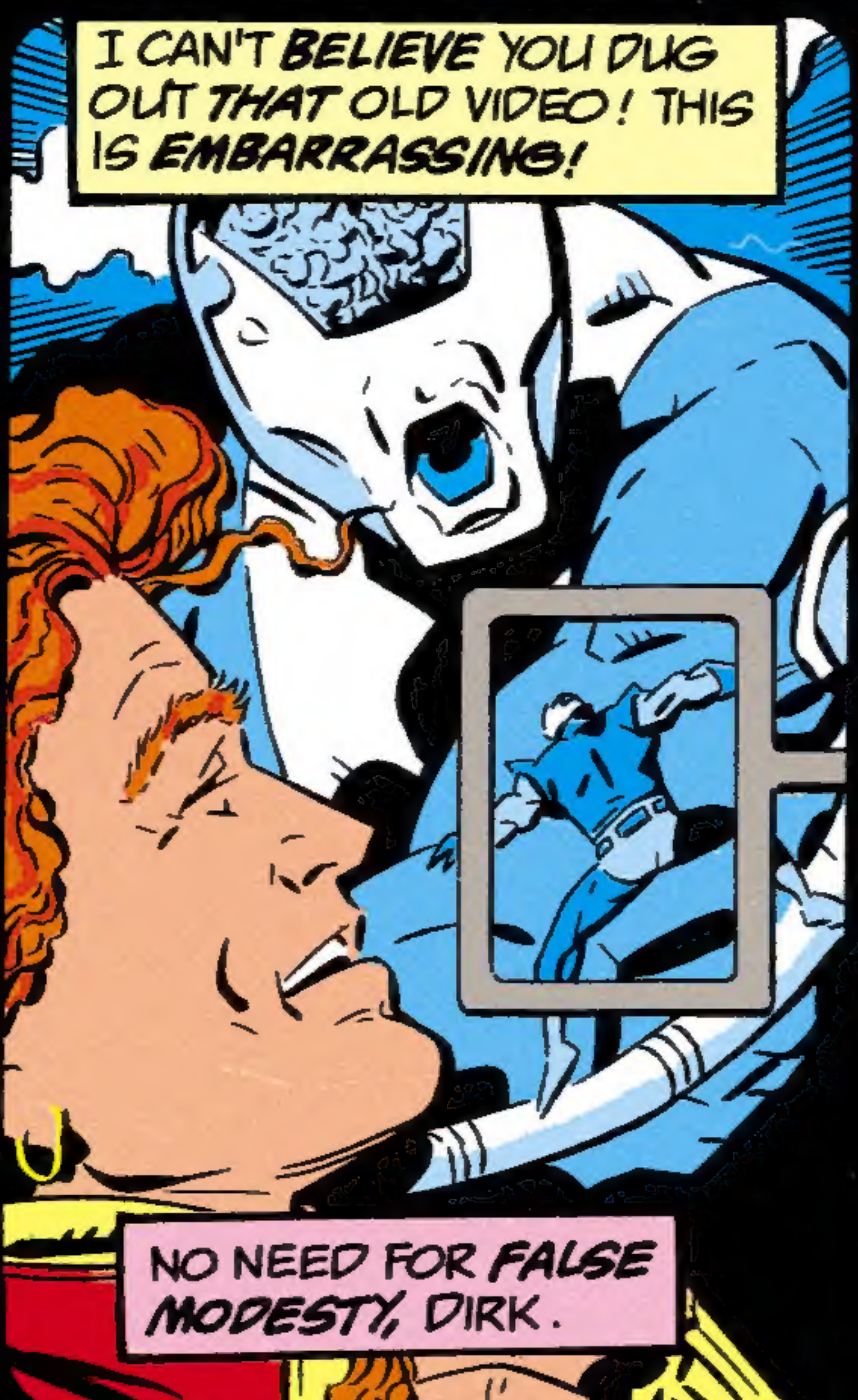


I'M SURE YOUR DAYS ARE STILL FRAUGHT WITH DANGER AND EXCITEMENT...



...BUT THEY'RE NOTHING LIKE THIS...

OH SHEESH!



I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DUG OUT THAT OLD VIDEO! THIS IS EMBARRASSING!

NO NEED FOR FALSE MODESTY, DIRK.



YOUR VALOR AS A LEGIONNAIRE IS UNQUESTIONED. YOU COULDN'T HAVE FOUND A BETTER TRAINING GROUND FOR PUBLIC SERVICE.

WELL, YANE, I WOULDN'T TRADE MY YEARS AS "SUN BOY" FOR ANYTHING.



AND YET NOT ALL THE LEGIONNAIRES SEEM TO HAVE LEARNED THE SAME LESSONS YOU DID.

FOR EXAMPLE, BREK BANNIN A.K.A. POLAR BOY.



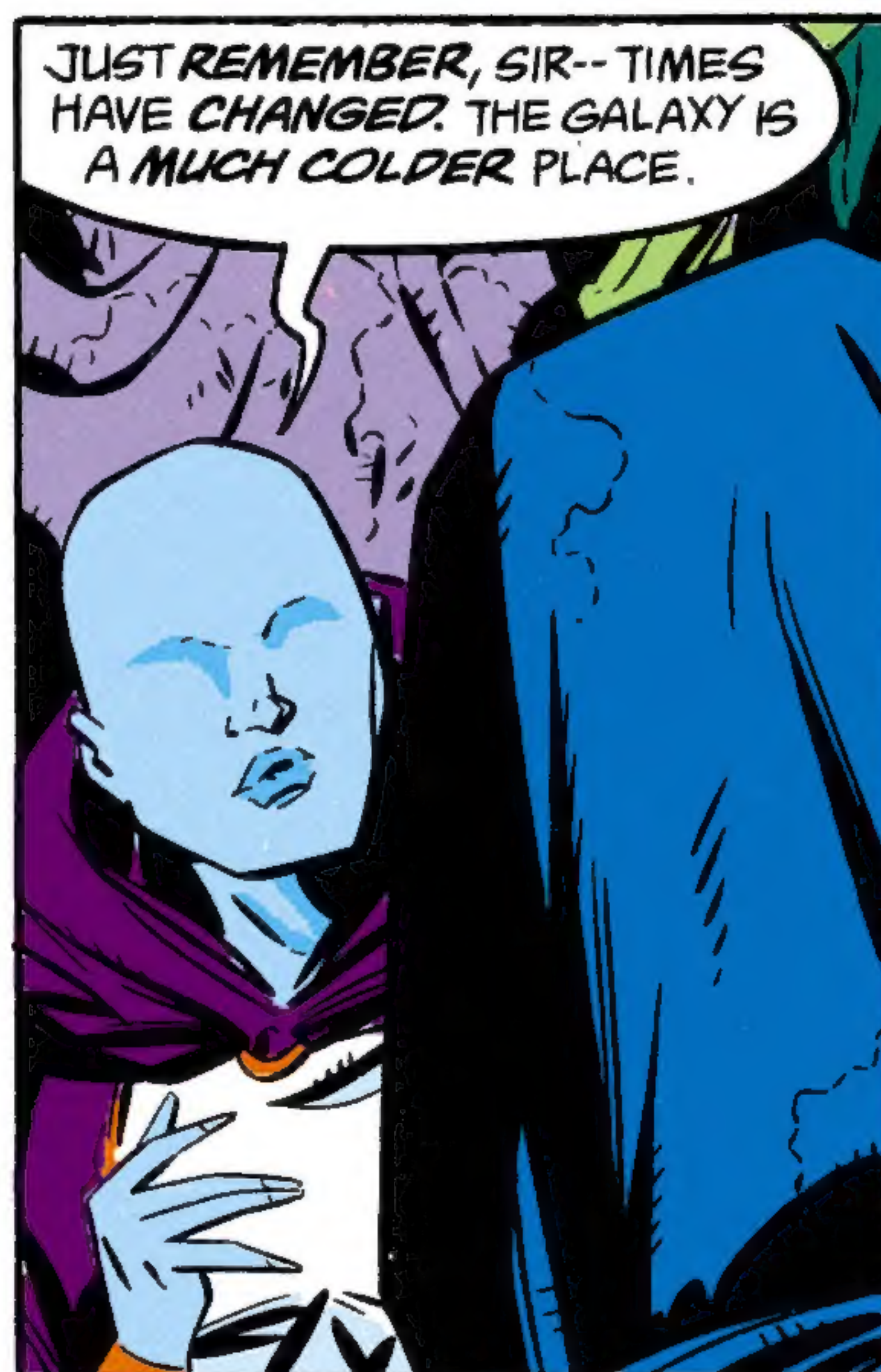
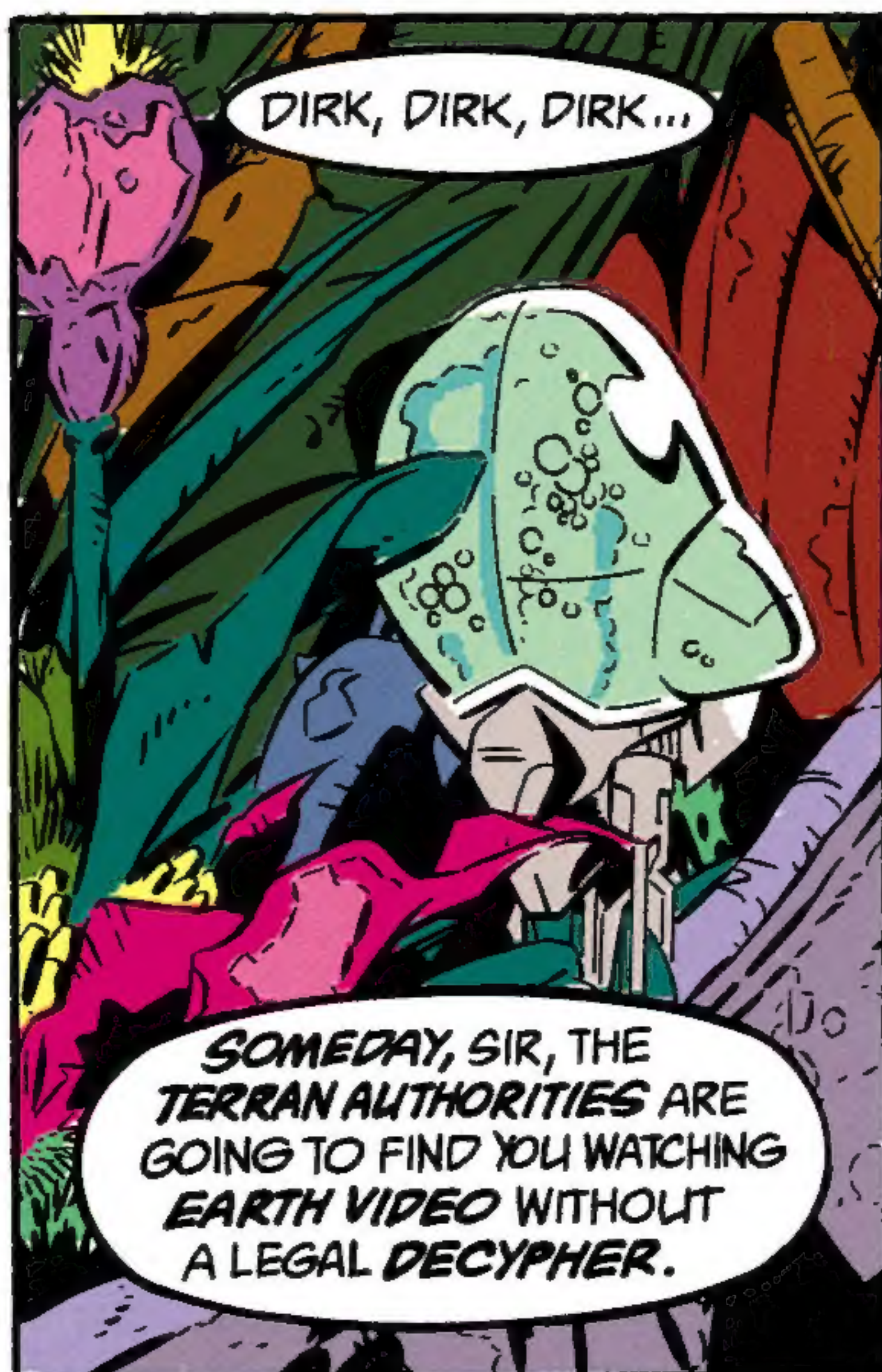
≡ Sigh! ≡

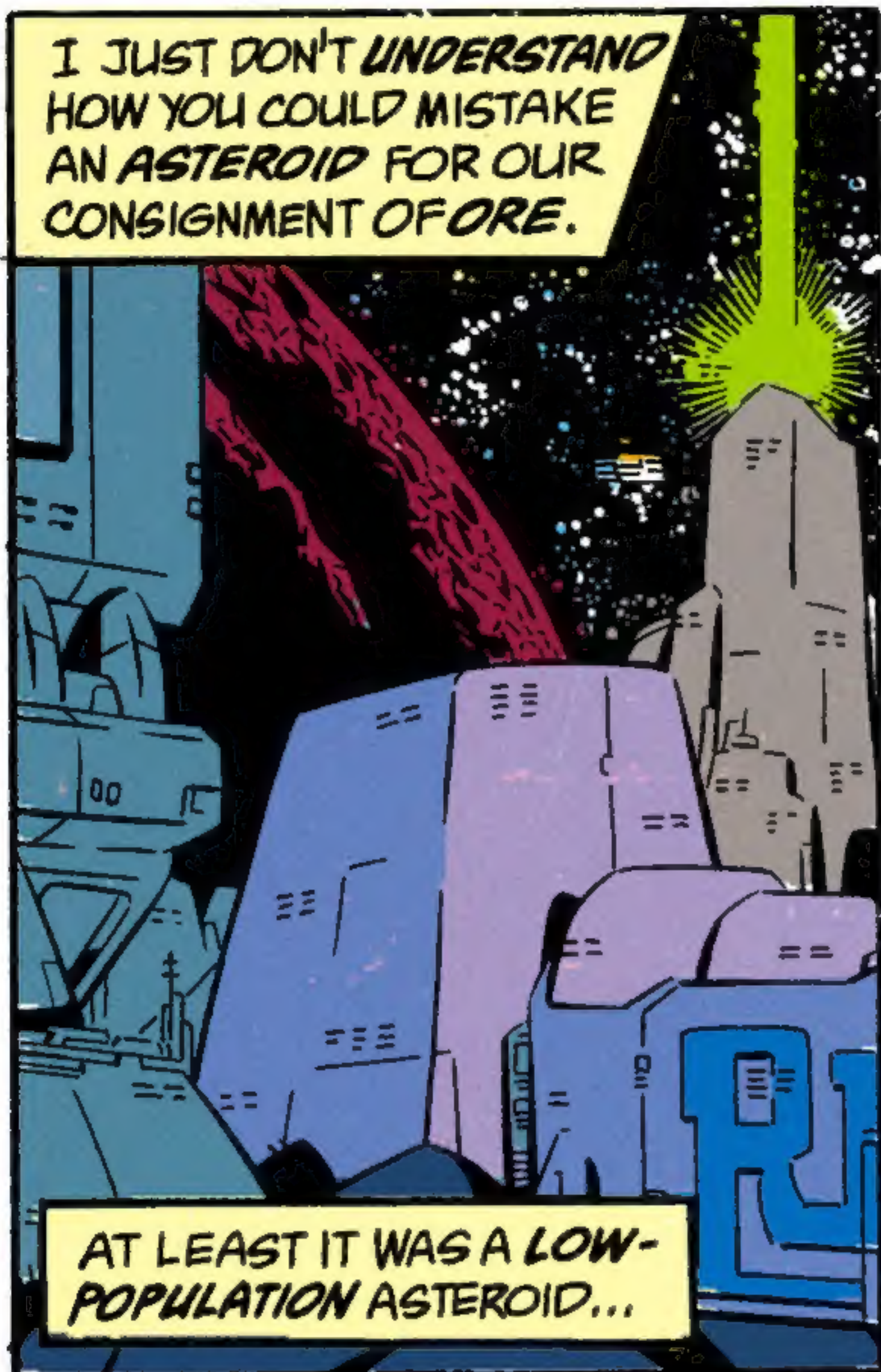
WELL, YANE, CONSIDER WHO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE.



BANNIN IS ONE EXAMPLE THAT SUGGESTS THE LEGION MAY HAVE OUTLIVED ITS USEFUL--

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I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU COULD MISTAKE AN ASTEROID FOR OUR CONSIGNMENT OF ORE.

AT LEAST IT WAS A LOW-POPULATION ASTEROID...



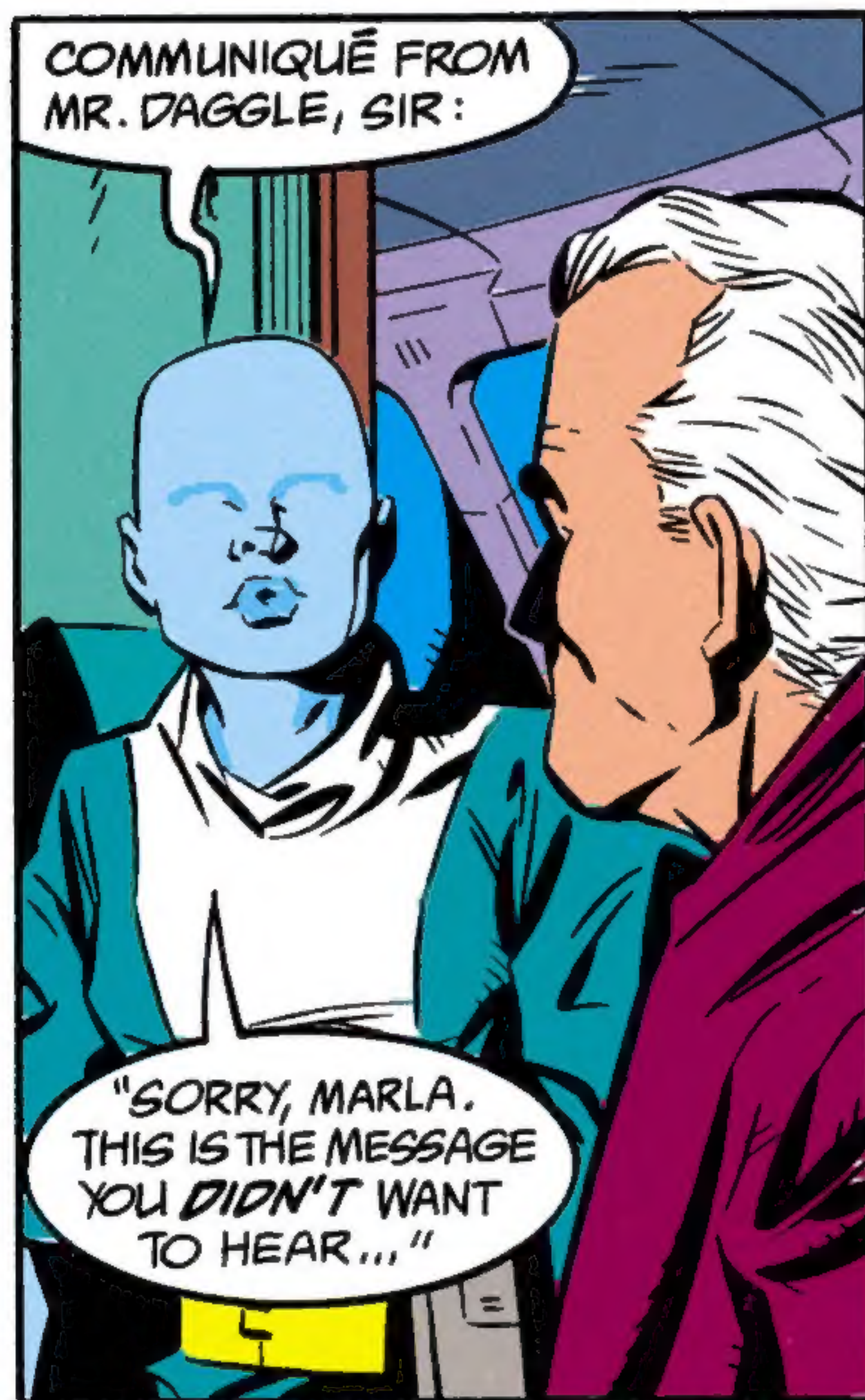
SO. HERE'S WHAT WE HAVE TO DO.

ASSURE THE SETTLERS THAT ALL DAMAGE WILL BE REPAIRED COMPLETELY AND PROMPTLY.



AND PUT THAT DAMN ASTEROID BACK WHERE IT BELONGS.

YESSIR. RIGHTAWAY, SIR.



COMMUNIQUE FROM MR. DAGGLE, SIR:

"SORRY, MARLA. THIS IS THE MESSAGE YOU DIDN'T WANT TO HEAR..."



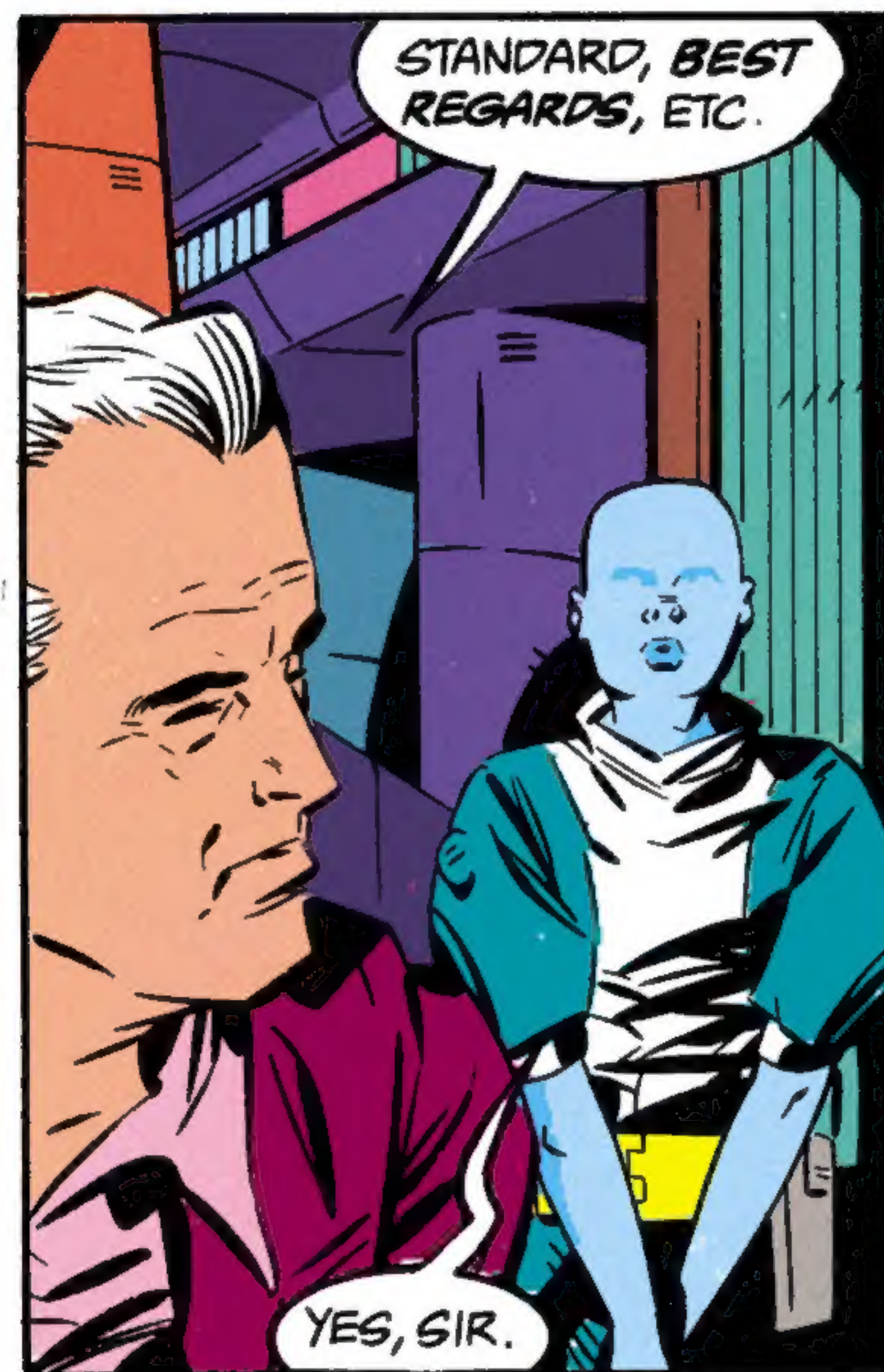
"BUT I'M AFRAID THE TIME HAS COME, OLD FRIEND."

"TAKE GOOD CARE OF THE COMPANY."



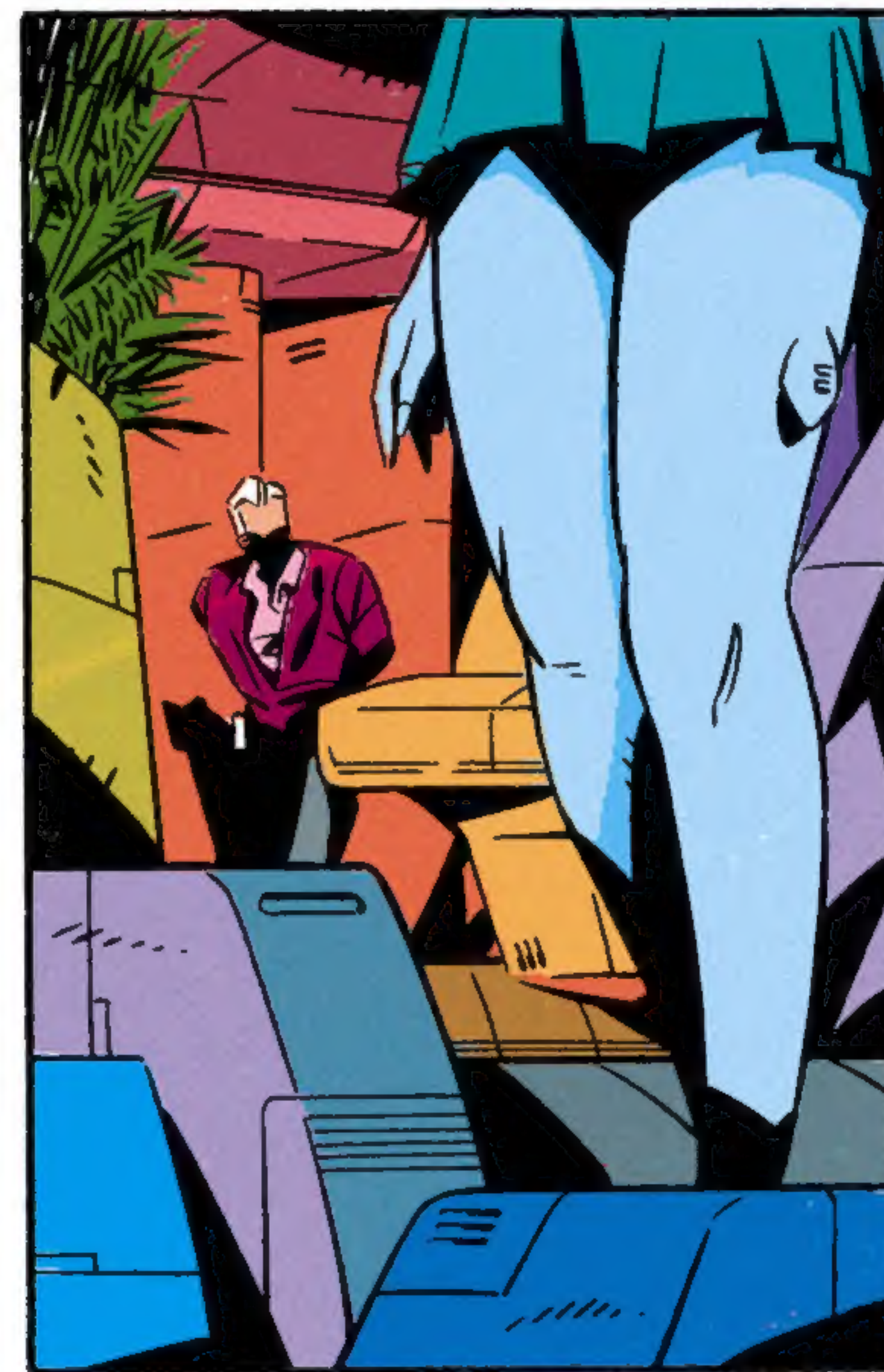
...HE'S REALLY GOING TO TRY IT...

RETURN MESSAGE, SIR?



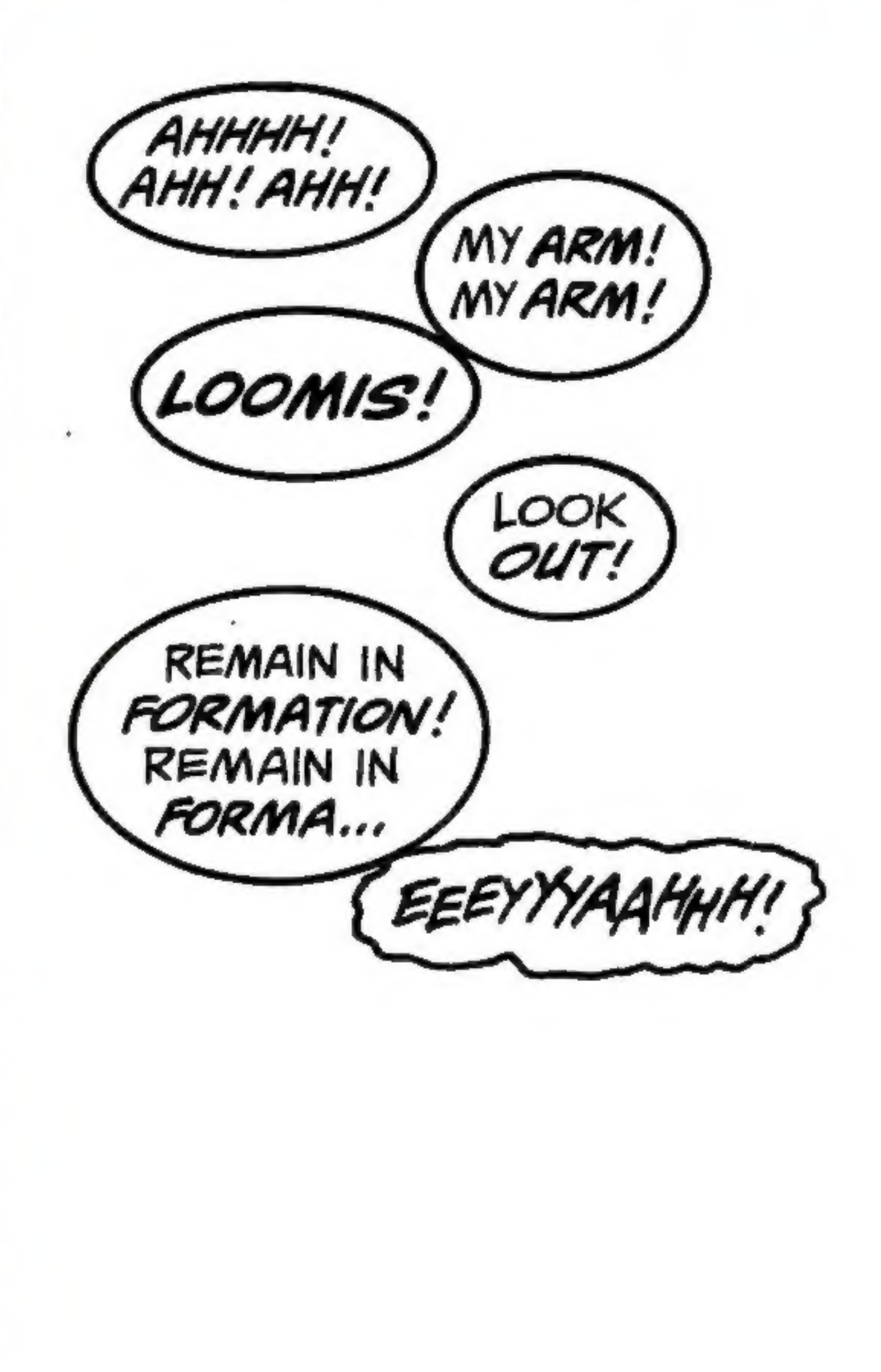
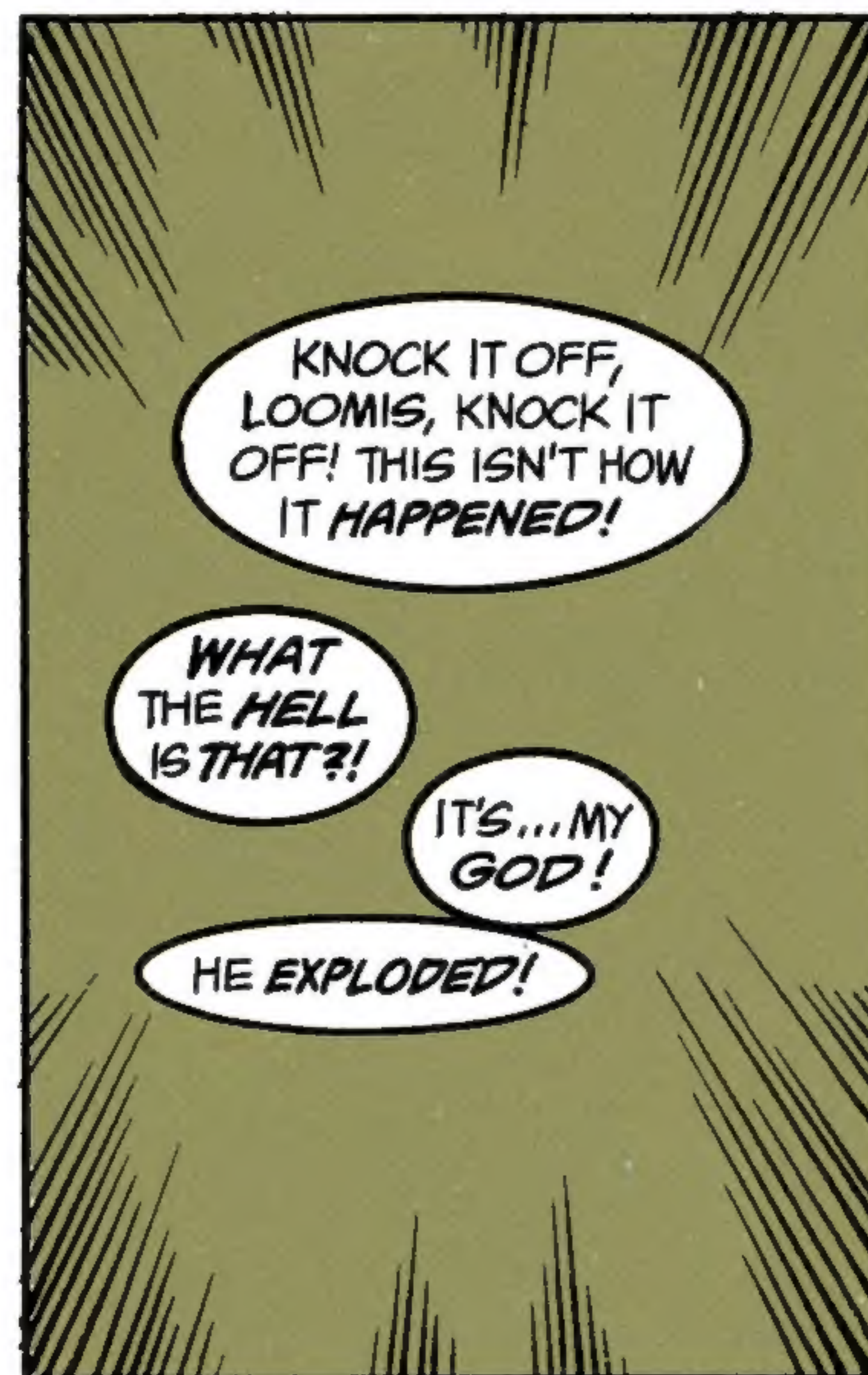
STANDARD, BEST REGARDS, ETC.

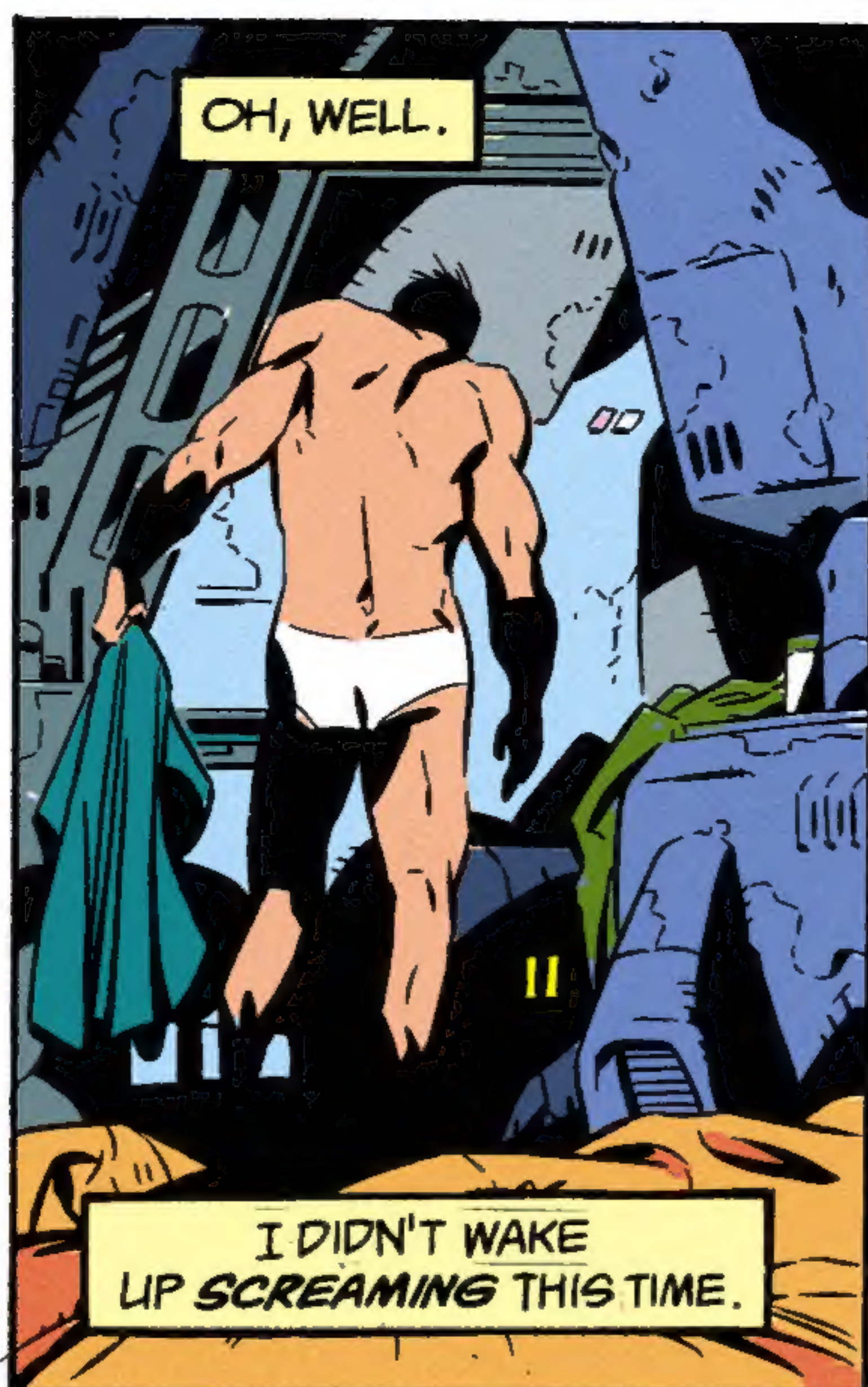
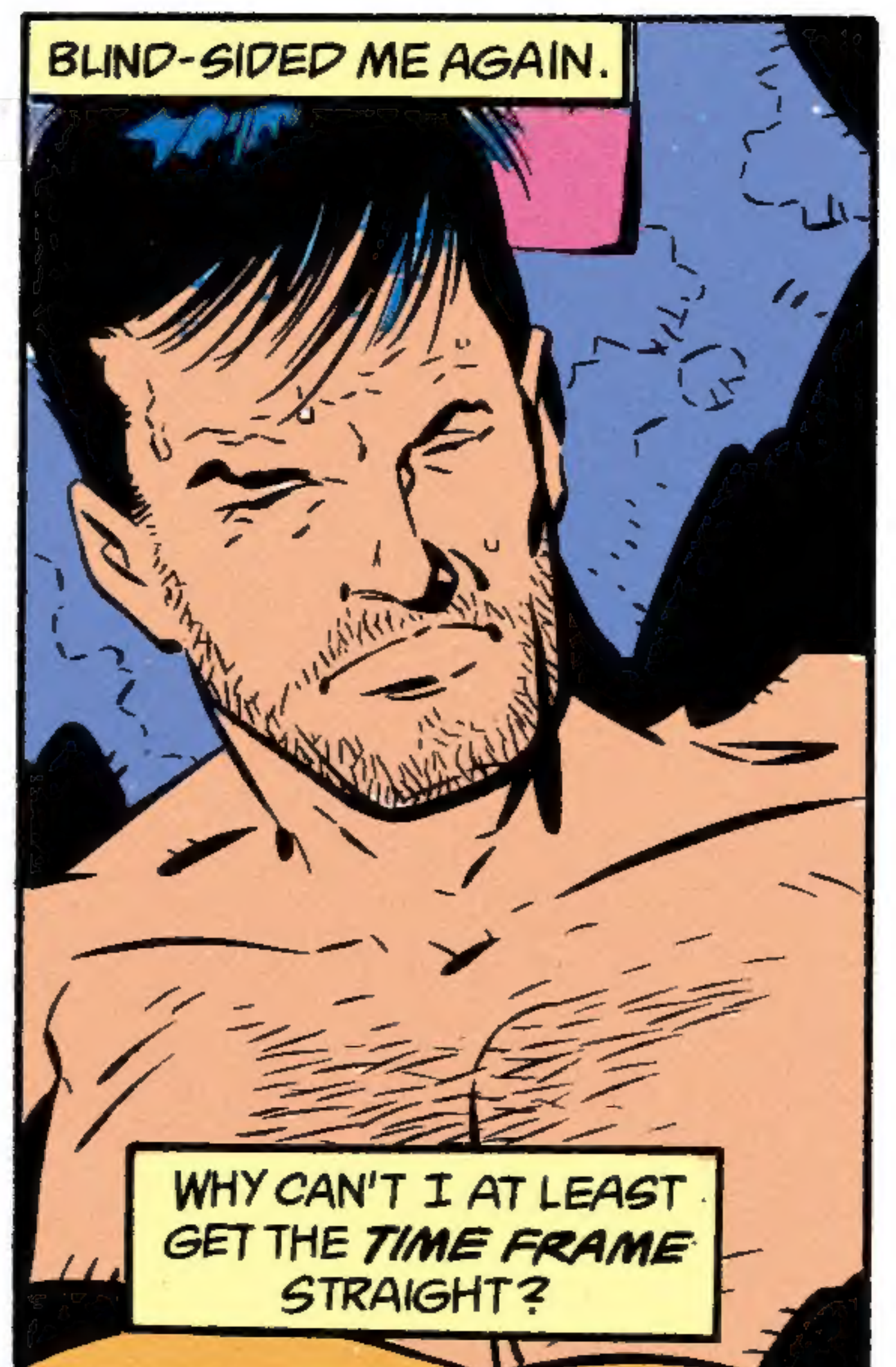
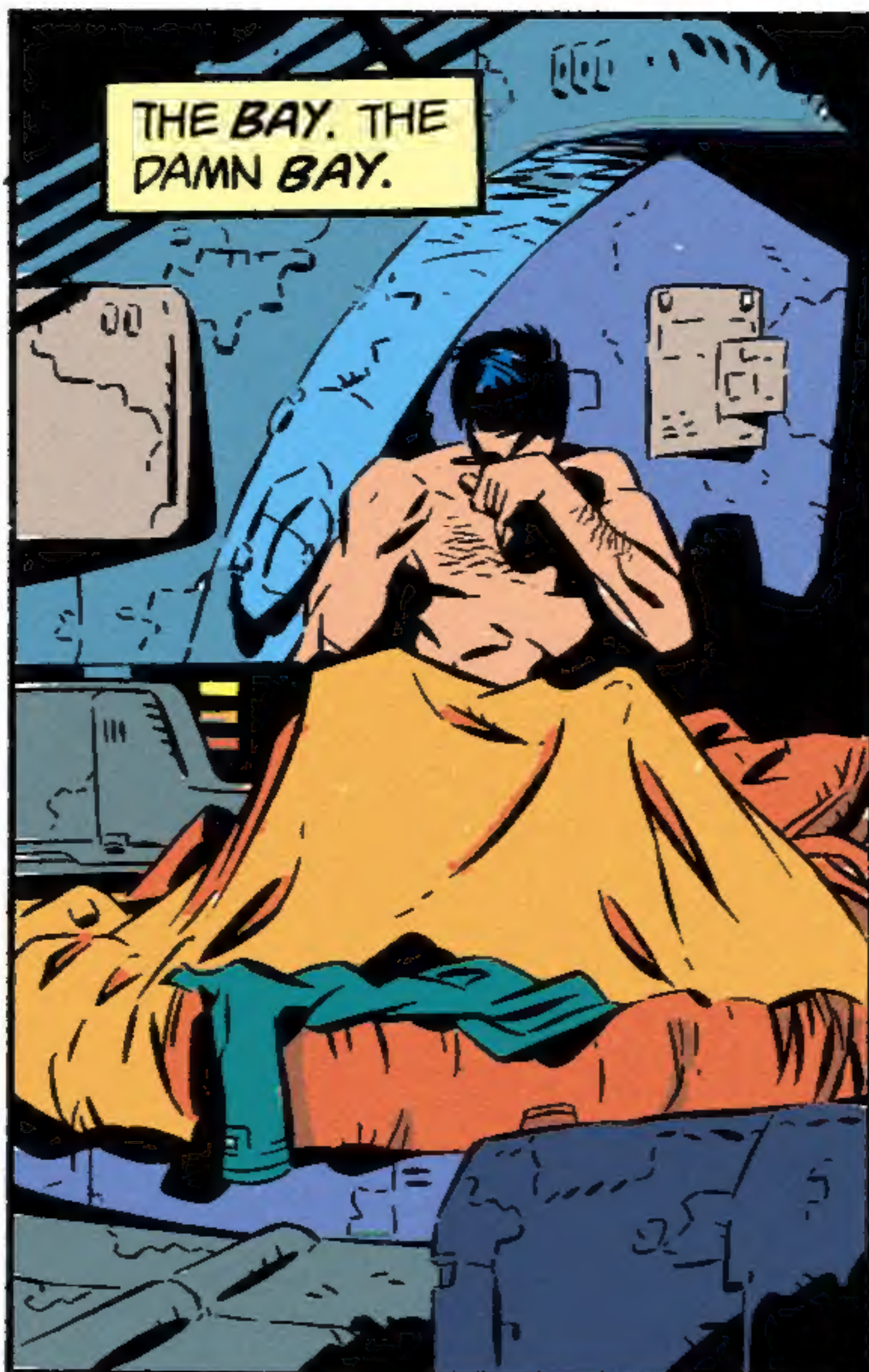
YES, SIR.

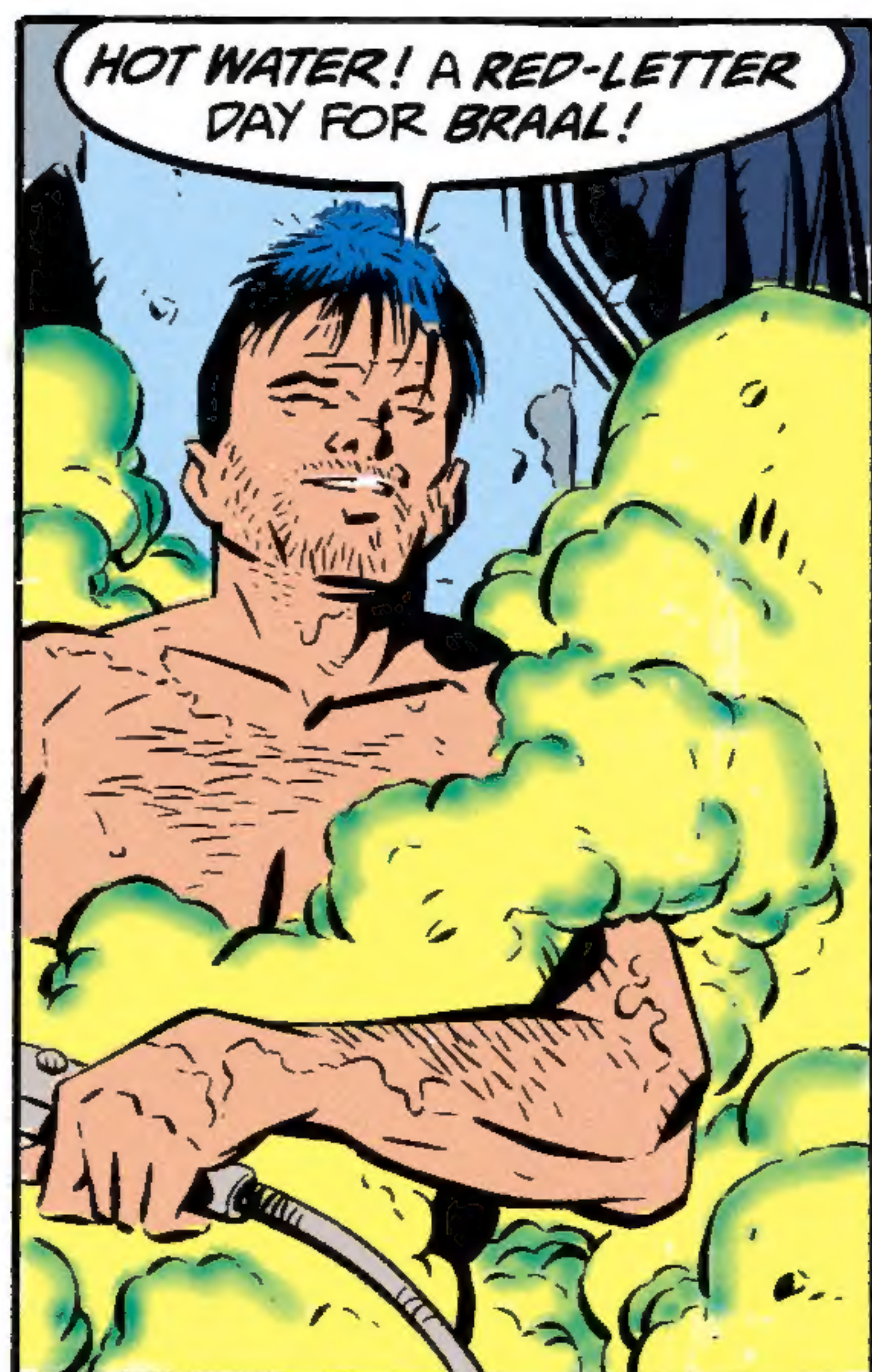


I'D BETTER FREE UP HIS ACCOUNT.

THAT STUBBORN DURLAN MAY NEED IT.







HOT WATER! A RED-LETTER DAY FOR BRAAL!



JUST DON'T **SWALLOW** ANY OF IT. IT'S ALMOST **TOXIC** TODAY!

YOW. GOTCHA.



LYDDA, HAVE YOU GIVEN ANY MORE **THOUGHT** TO WHAT WE **TALKED** ABOUT LAST NIGHT?



NO I **HAVEN'T!**

I'M STAYING HERE WITH **YOU** AND THAT'S **FINAL**.

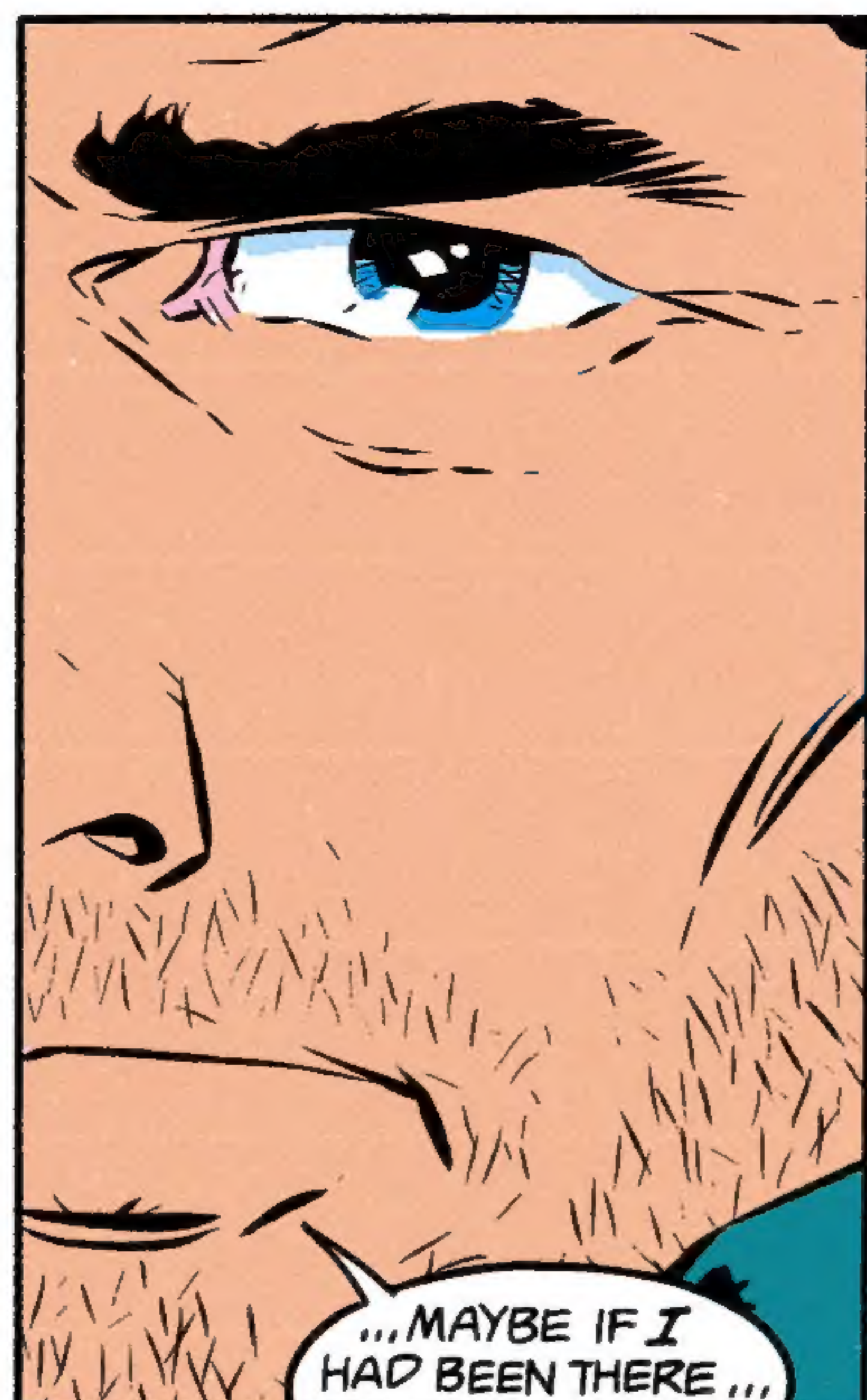


LYDDA. I...

I JUST WISH EVERYTHING **HADN'T** GONE TO **HELL...**

I KNOW...

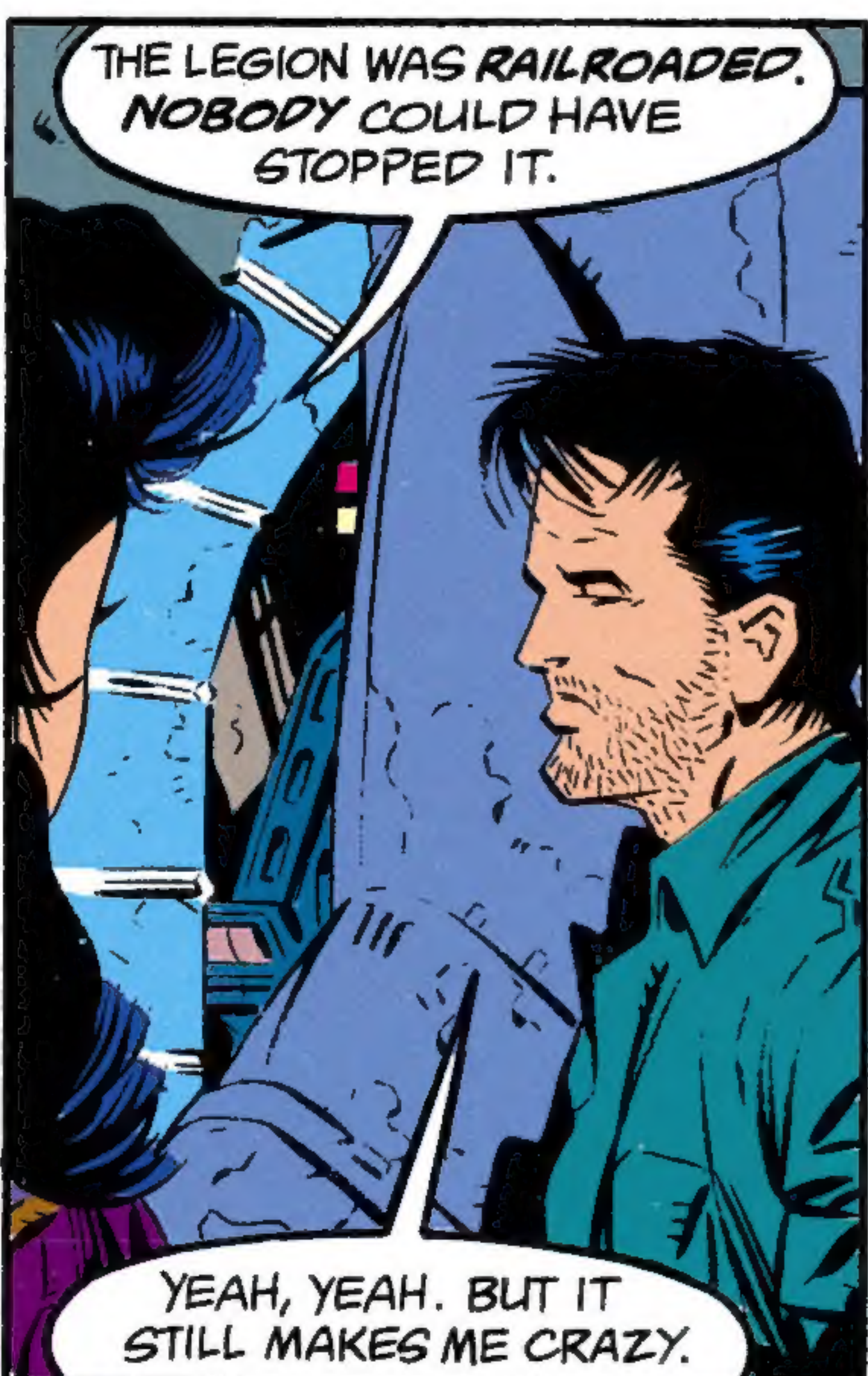
MAYBE IF THE **LEGION** HAD STILL BEEN AROUND...



...MAYBE IF **I** HAD BEEN THERE ...



C'MON. THINGS WOULD HAVE BEEN **NO DIFFERENT**, AND YOU **KNOW** IT.



THE **LEGION** WAS **RAILROADED**. **NOBODY** COULD HAVE STOPPED IT.

YEAH, YEAH. BUT IT STILL MAKES ME **CRAZY**.



ROKK, YOU **CAN'T** CARRY THE PROBLEMS OF THE **UNIVERSE** ON YOUR SHOULDERS.

LET'S NOT LET IT RUIN ANOTHER DAY, OKAY?

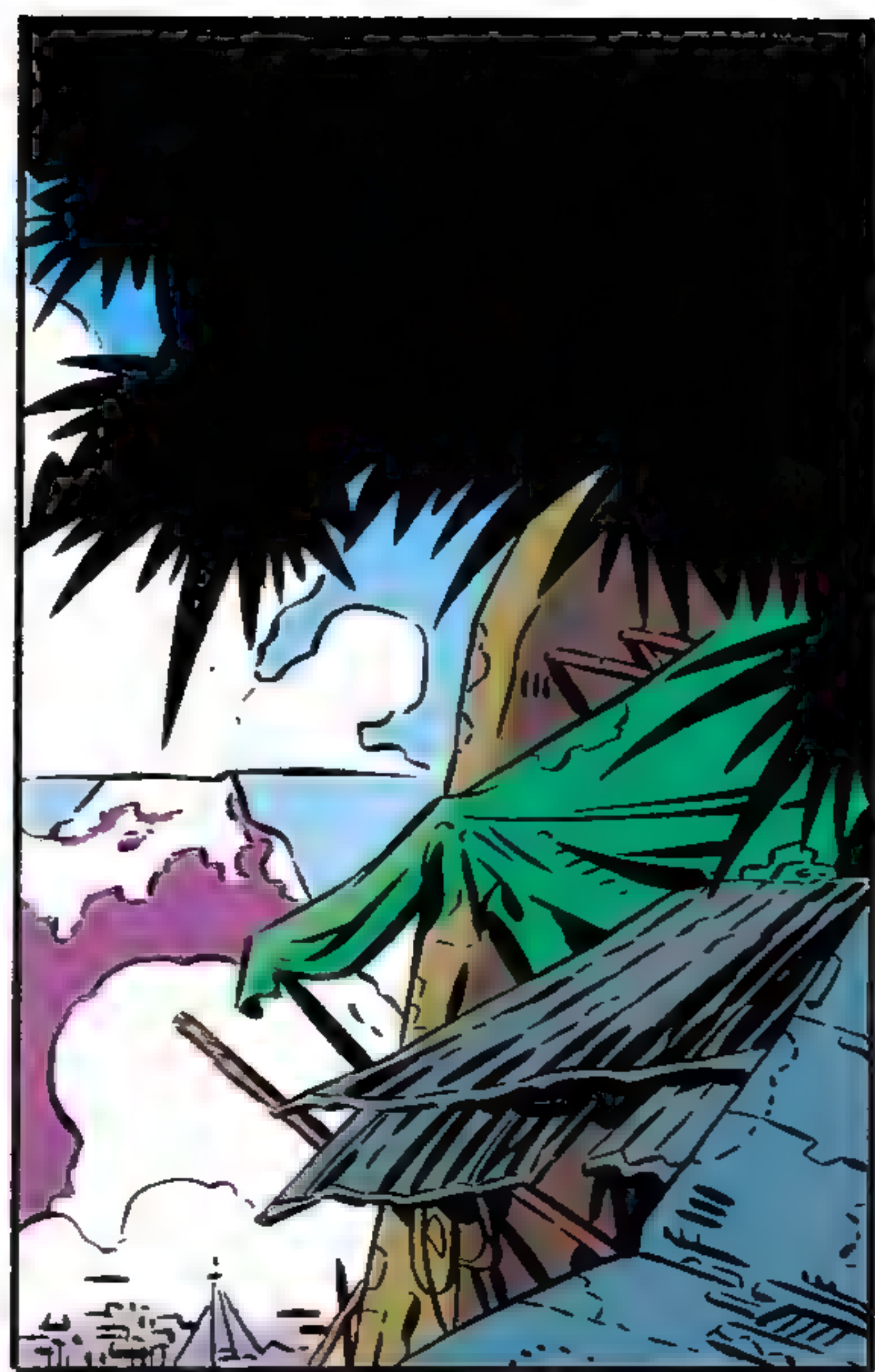


THE PARK USED TO BE RIGHT *HERE*. ABOUT THIS TIME OF DAY, I'D FIND *POL*, ALREADY HOURS AHEAD OF ME ON OUR *MAGNO-BALL* DRILLS...



HE LOVED THE MORNINGS. THE BEAUTIFUL SKIES.

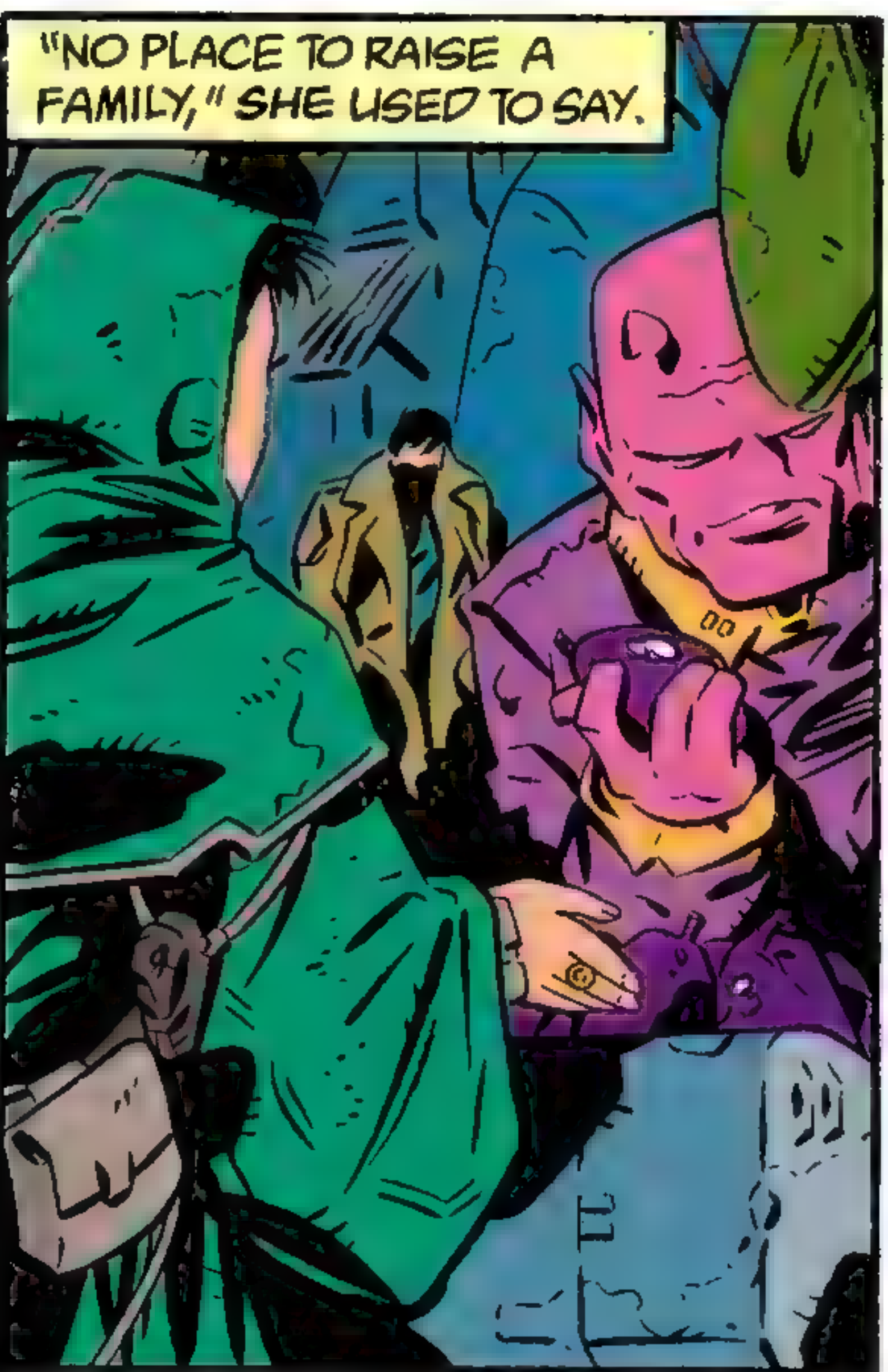
I GUESS THEY'RE *STILL* JUST AS BEAUTIFUL...



EVEN IF NOTHING *ELSE* IS.



HMPH. WE'D COME HOME AFTER PRACTICE... MOM'D ALWAYS LOOK SO *WORRIED*. I COULD NEVER UNDERSTAND *WHY*... THEN.



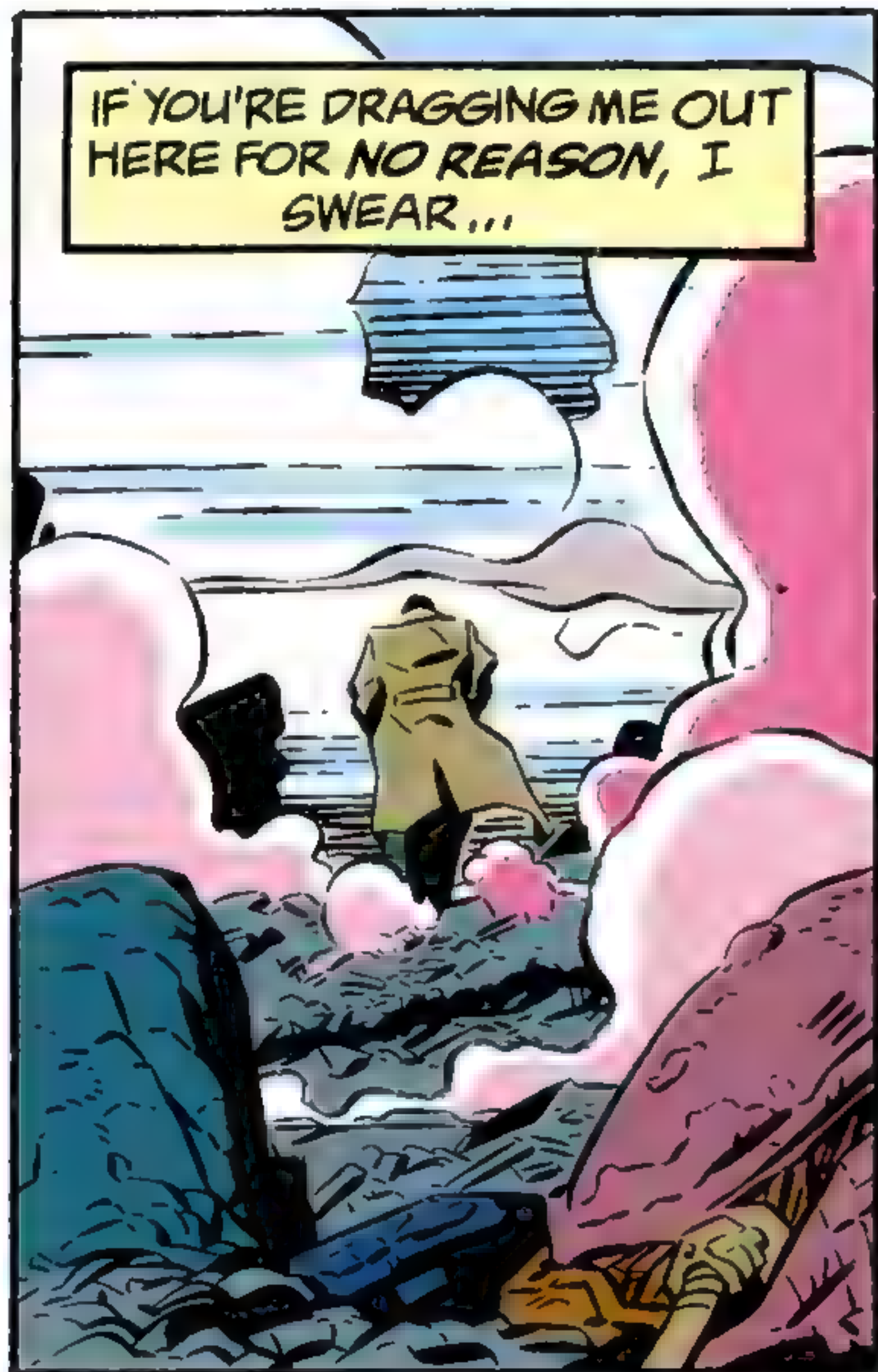
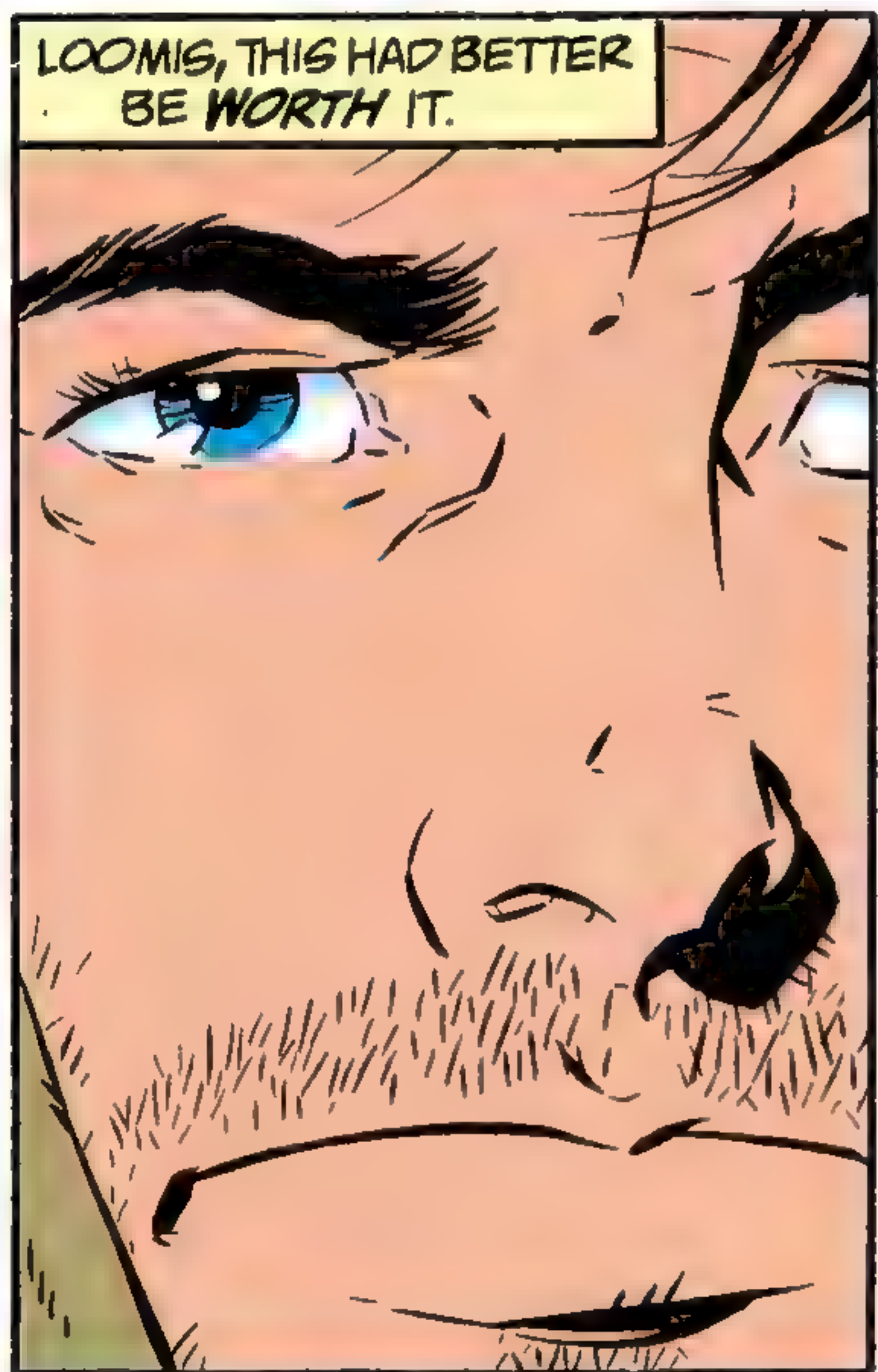
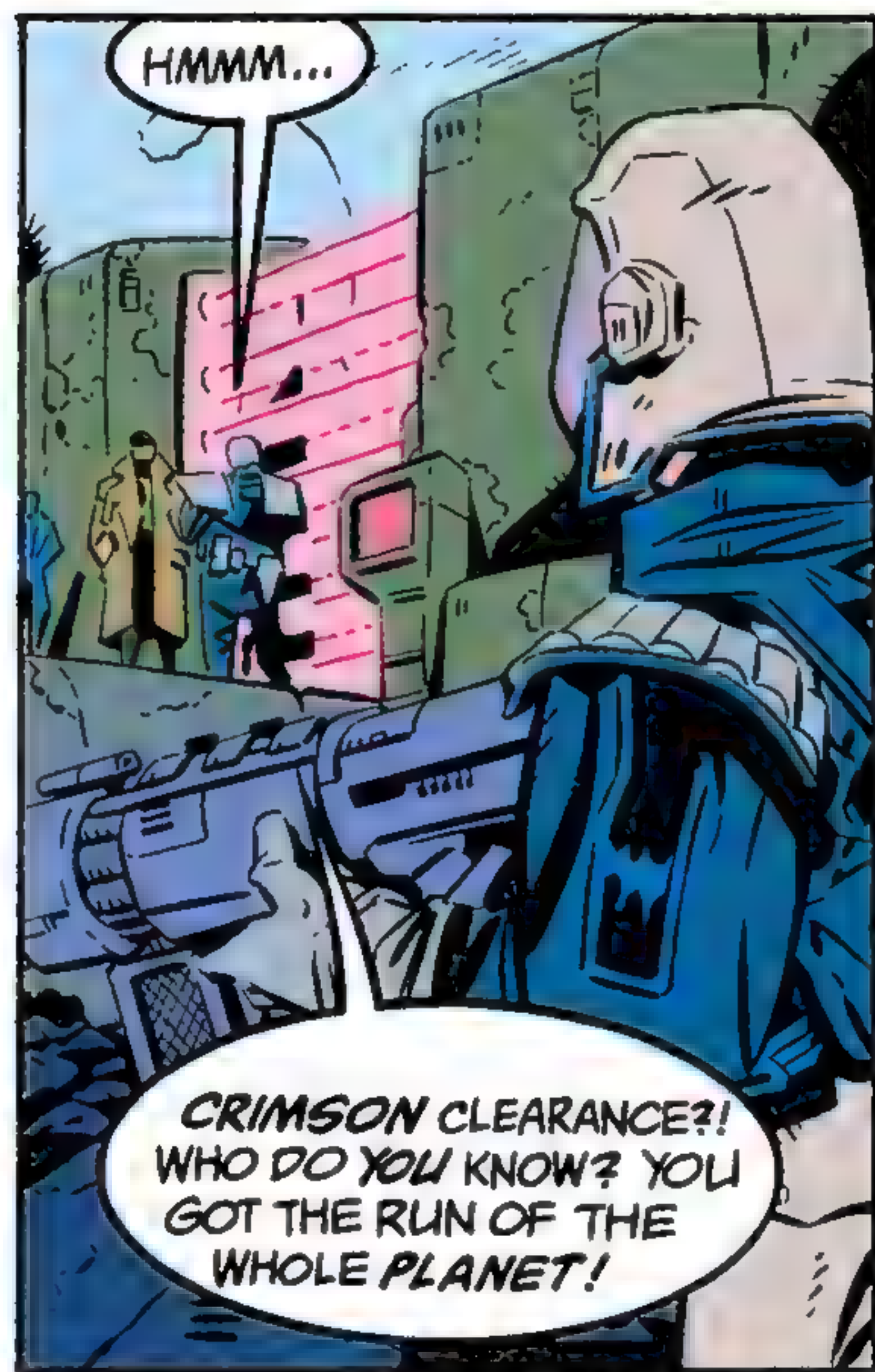
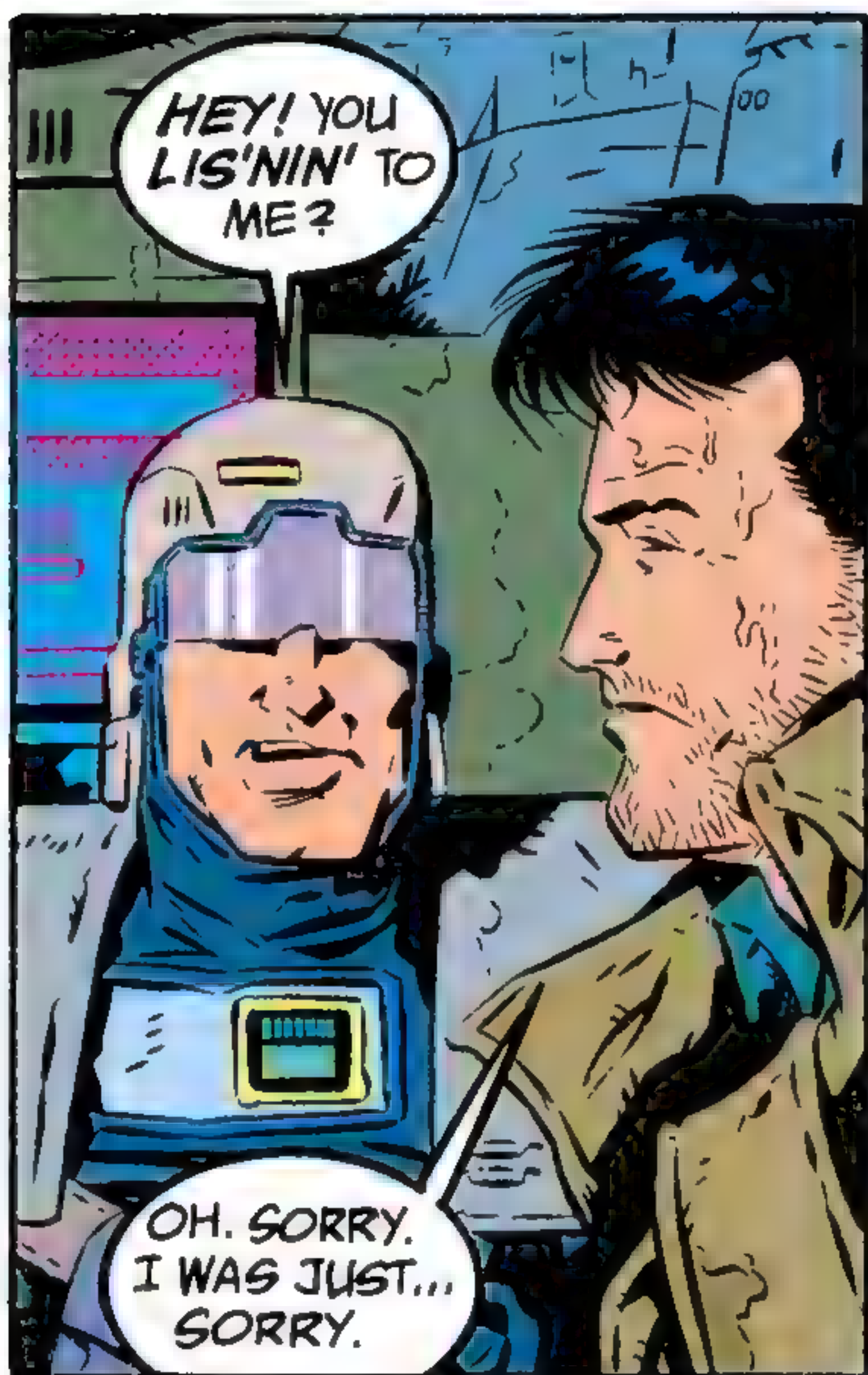
"NO PLACE TO RAISE A FAMILY," SHE USED TO SAY.

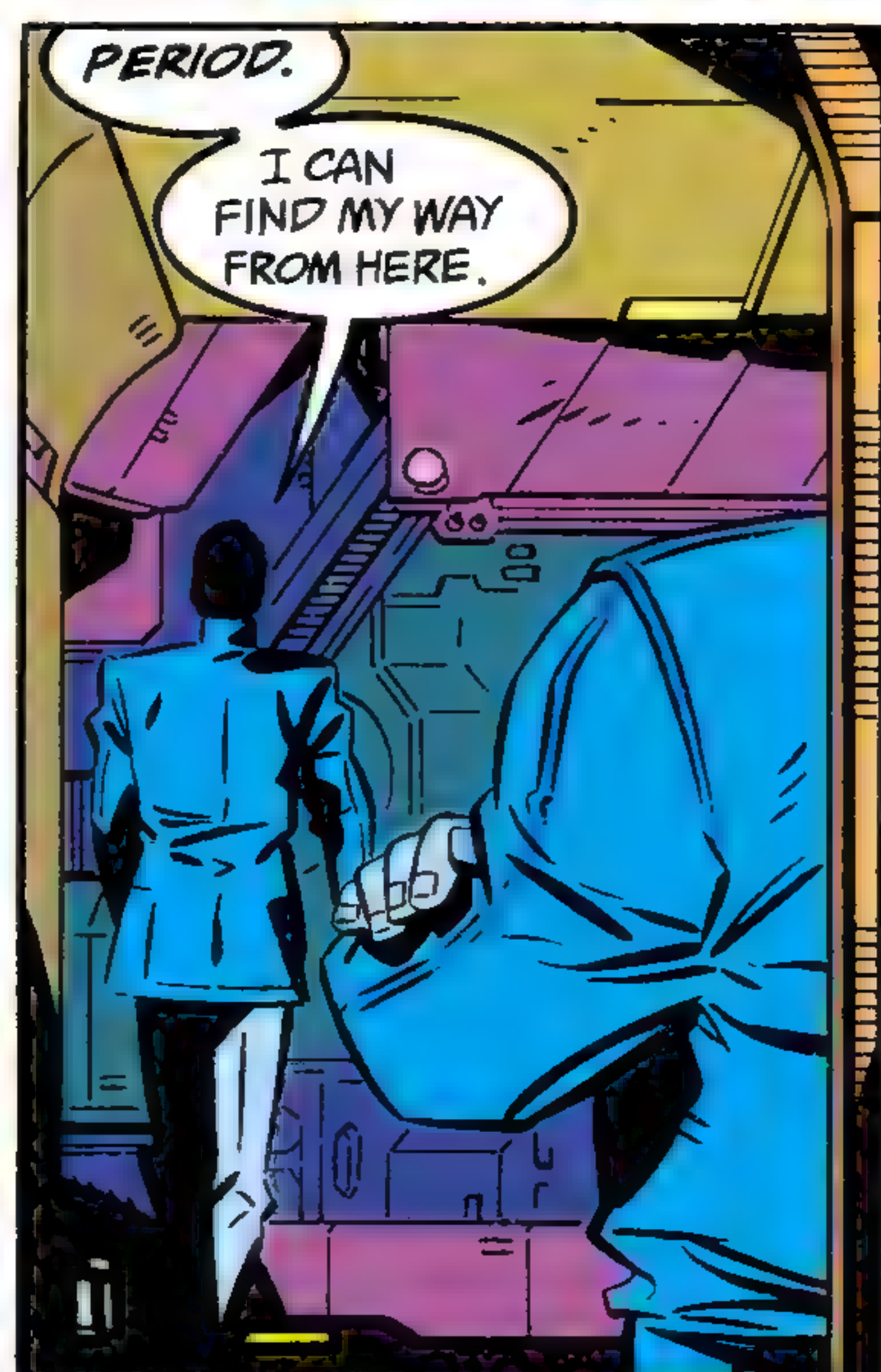
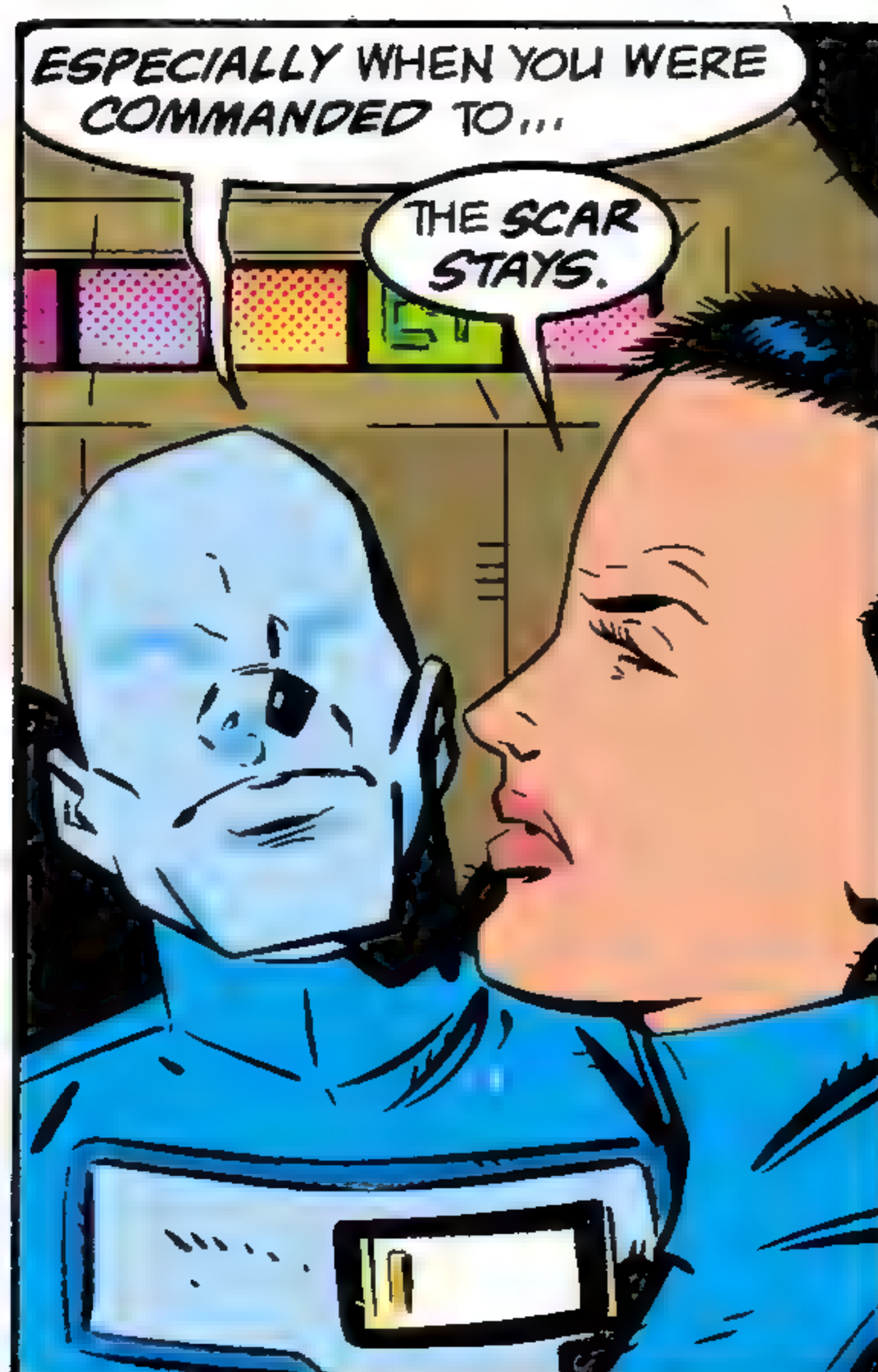
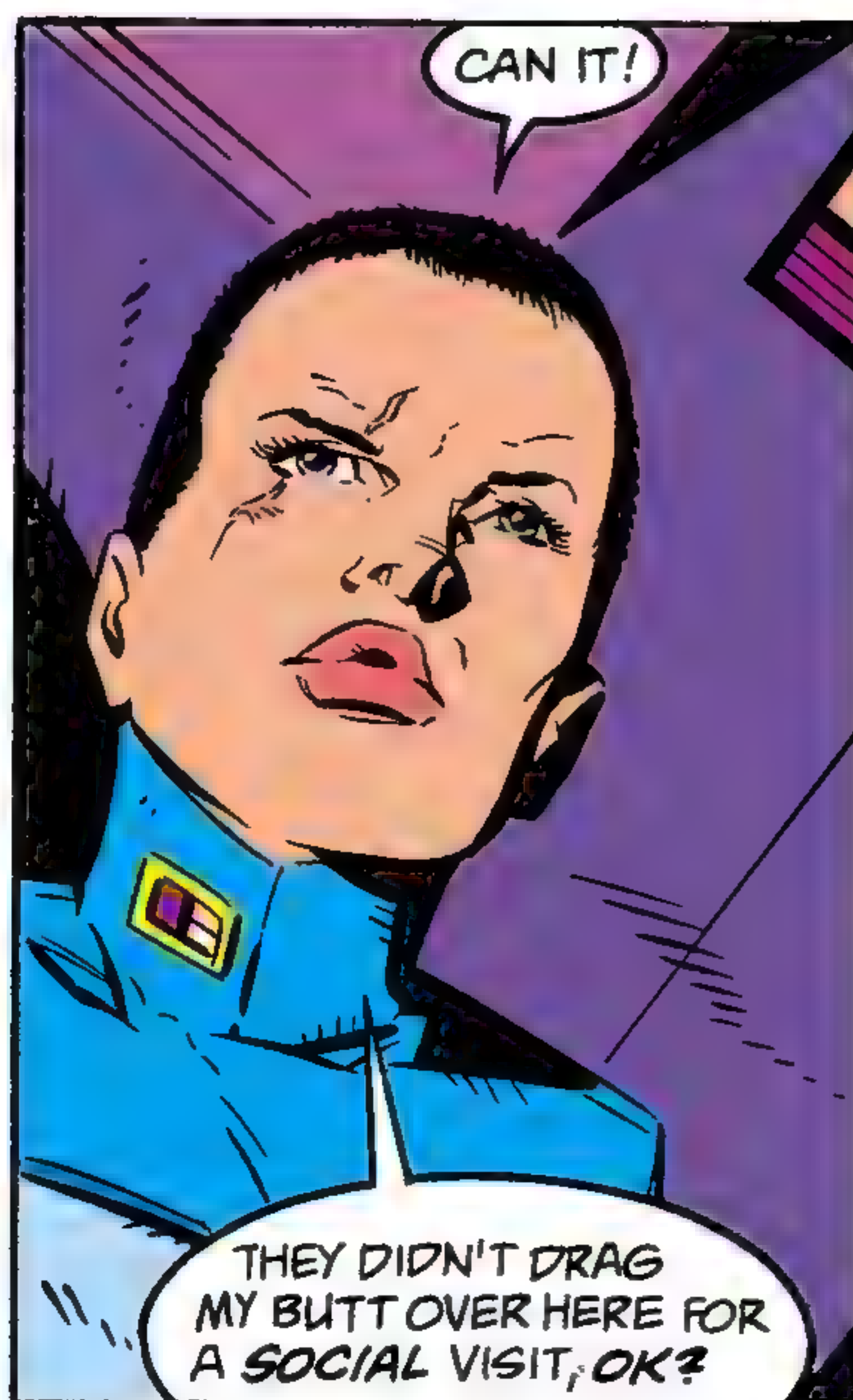
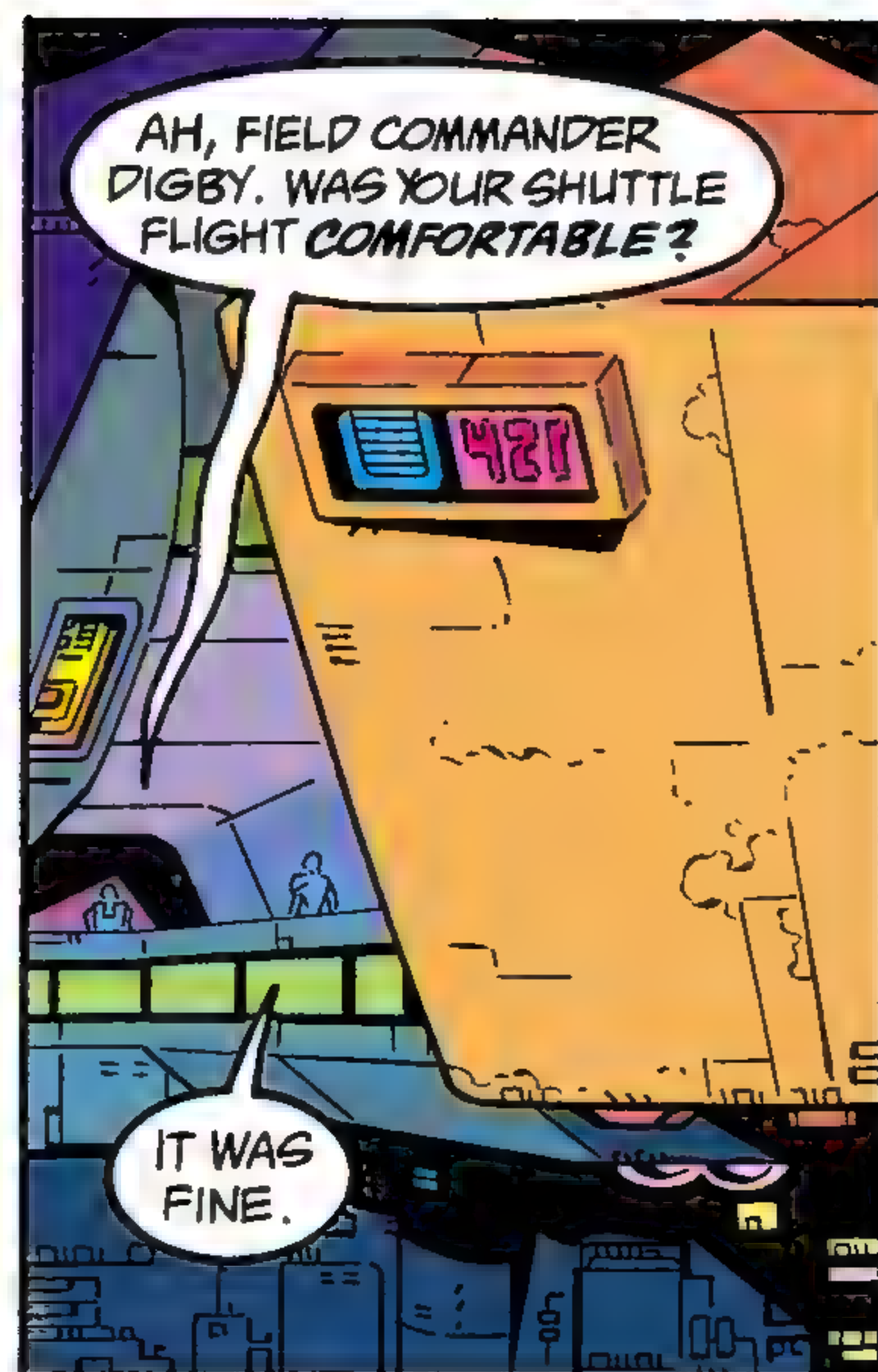
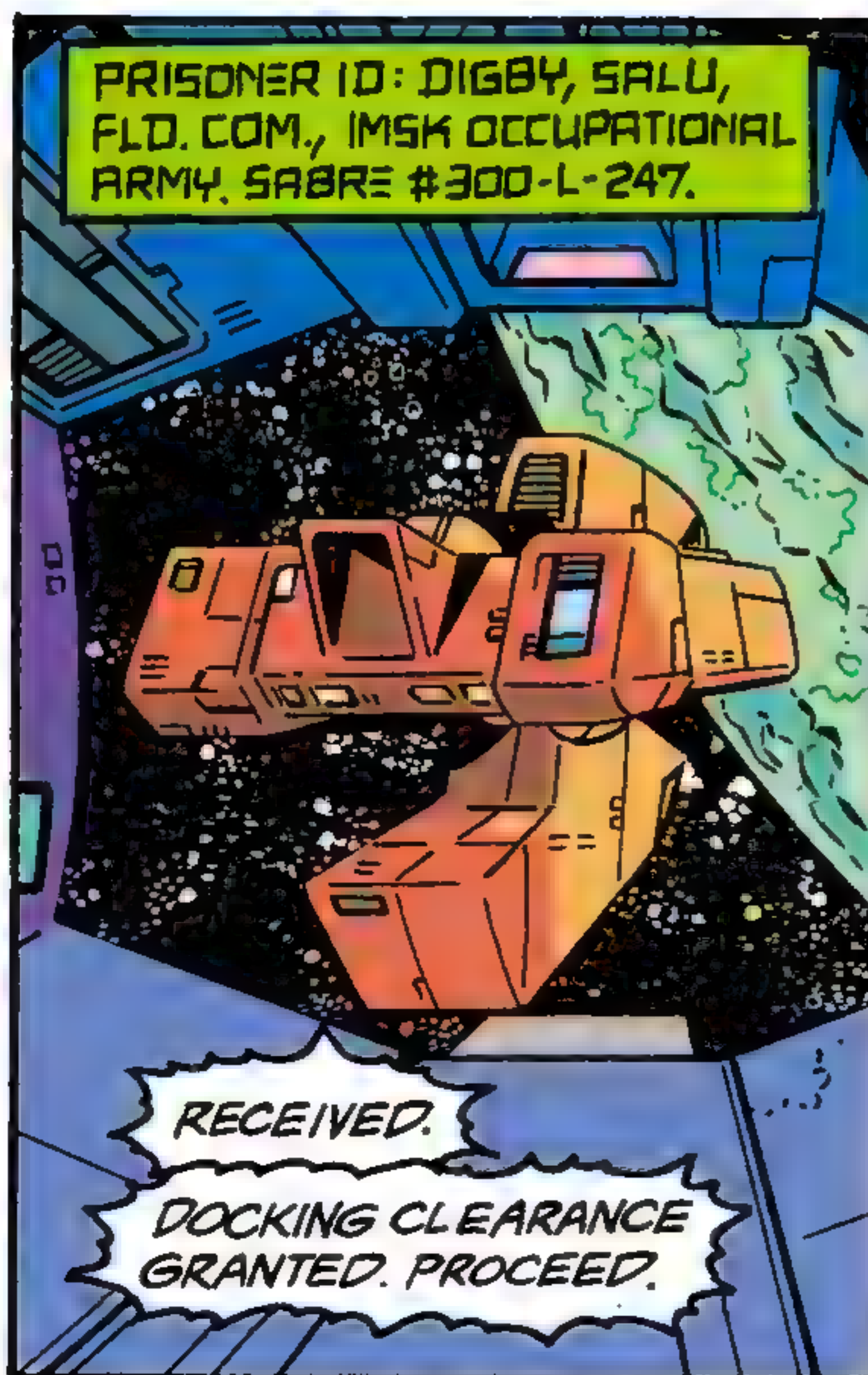
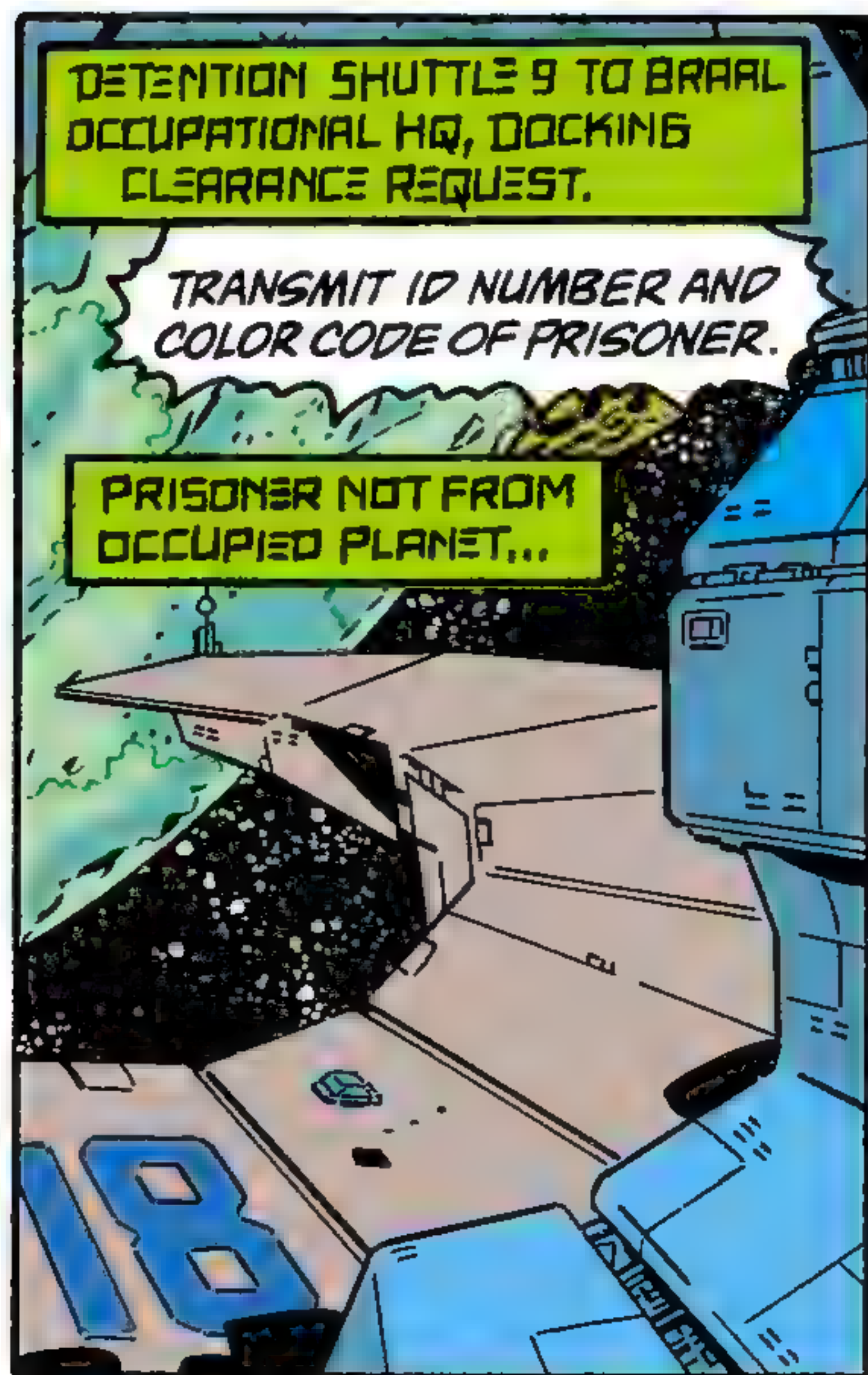


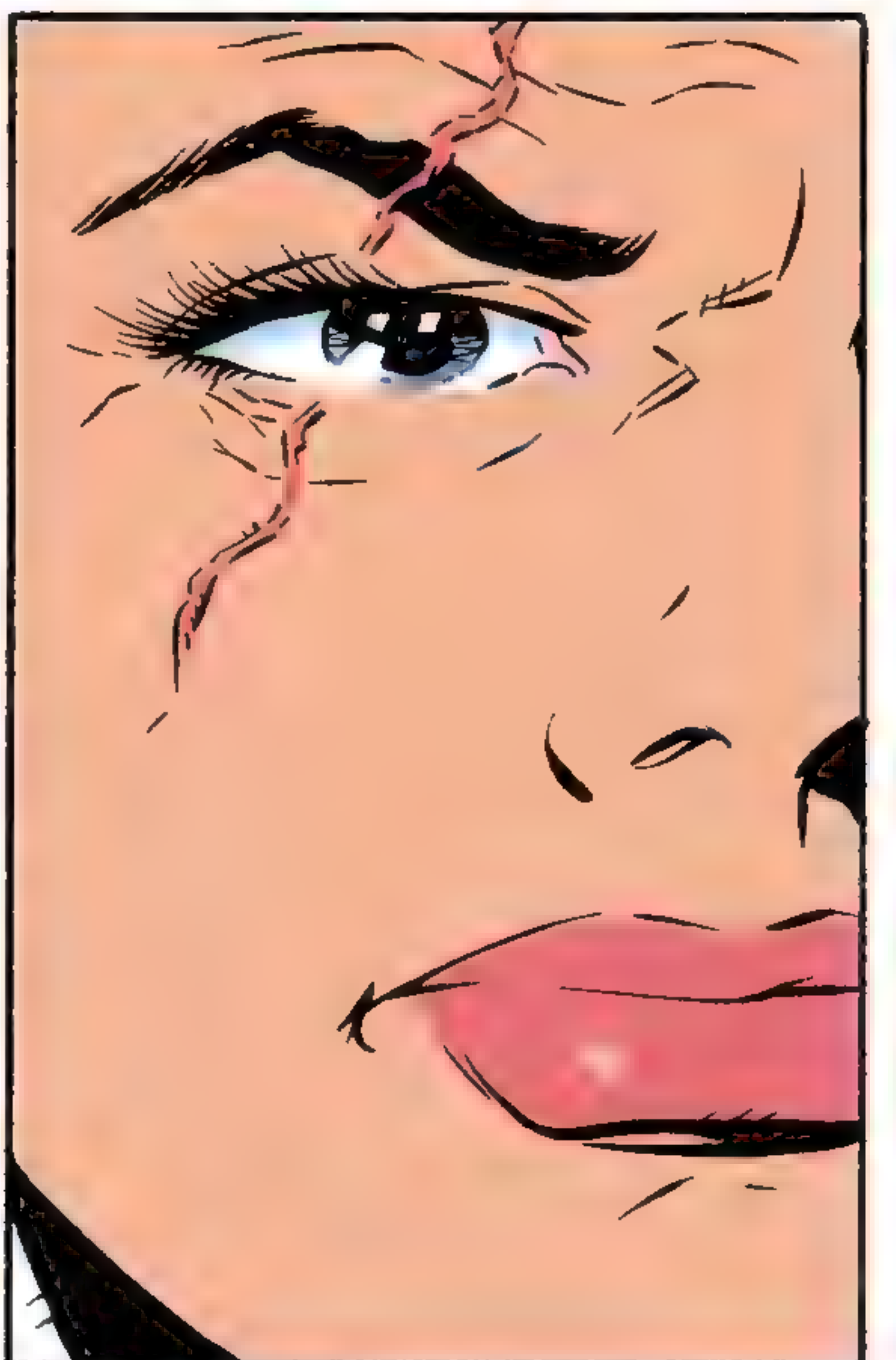
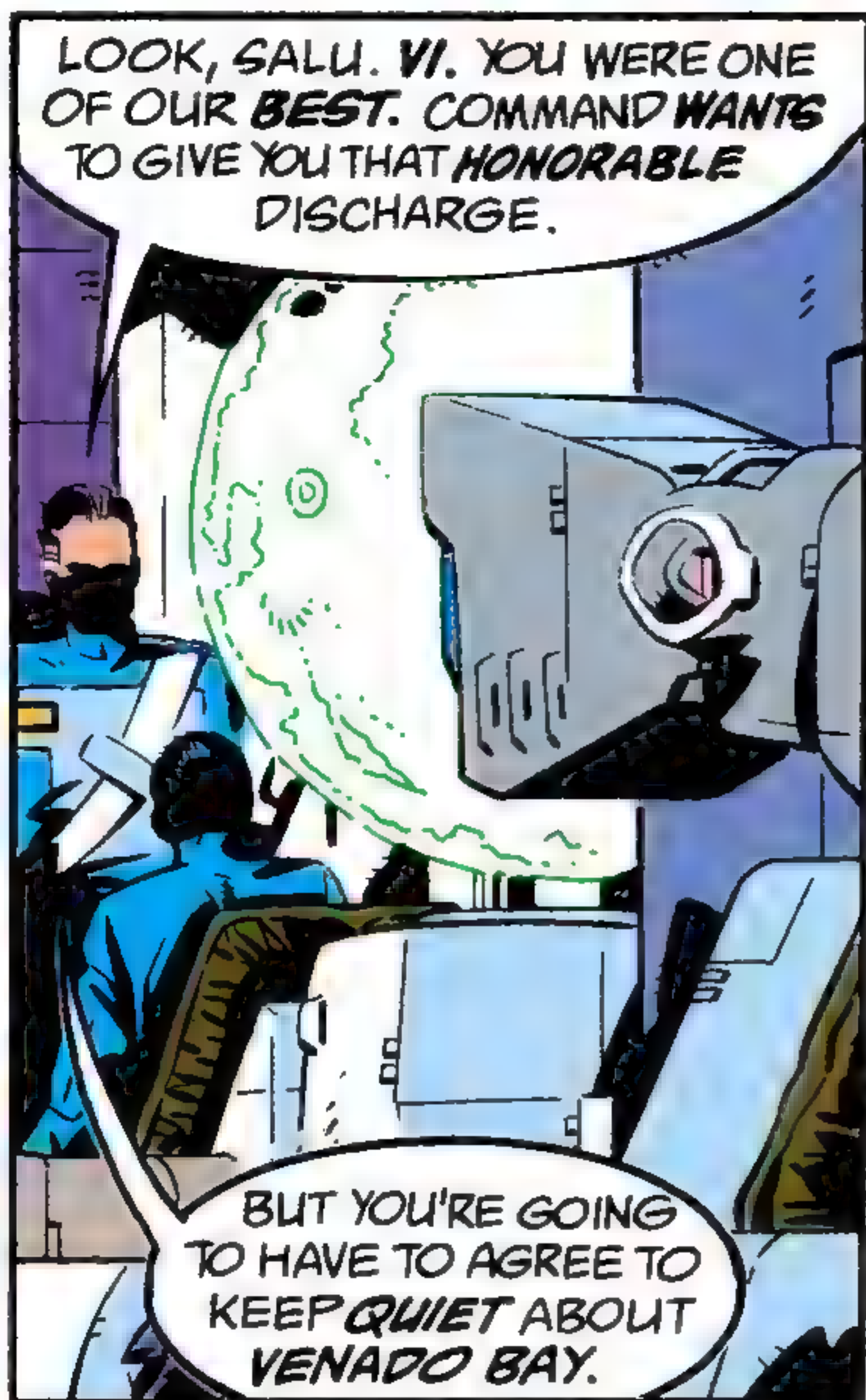
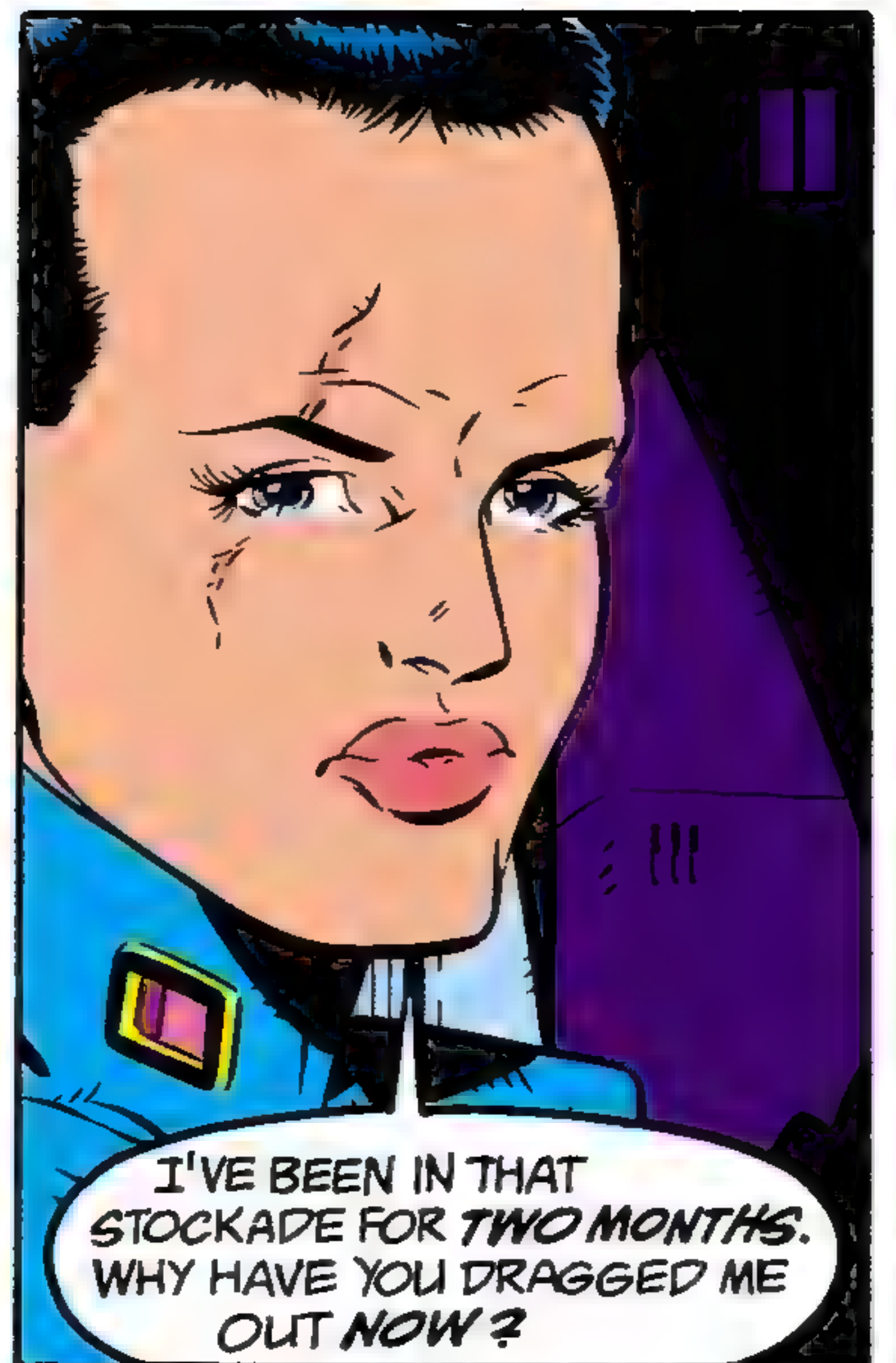
CHECK POINT
PLEASE HA
PAPERS
READY!

GEEZ, IF YOU COULD ONLY SEE *BRAAL* NOW.



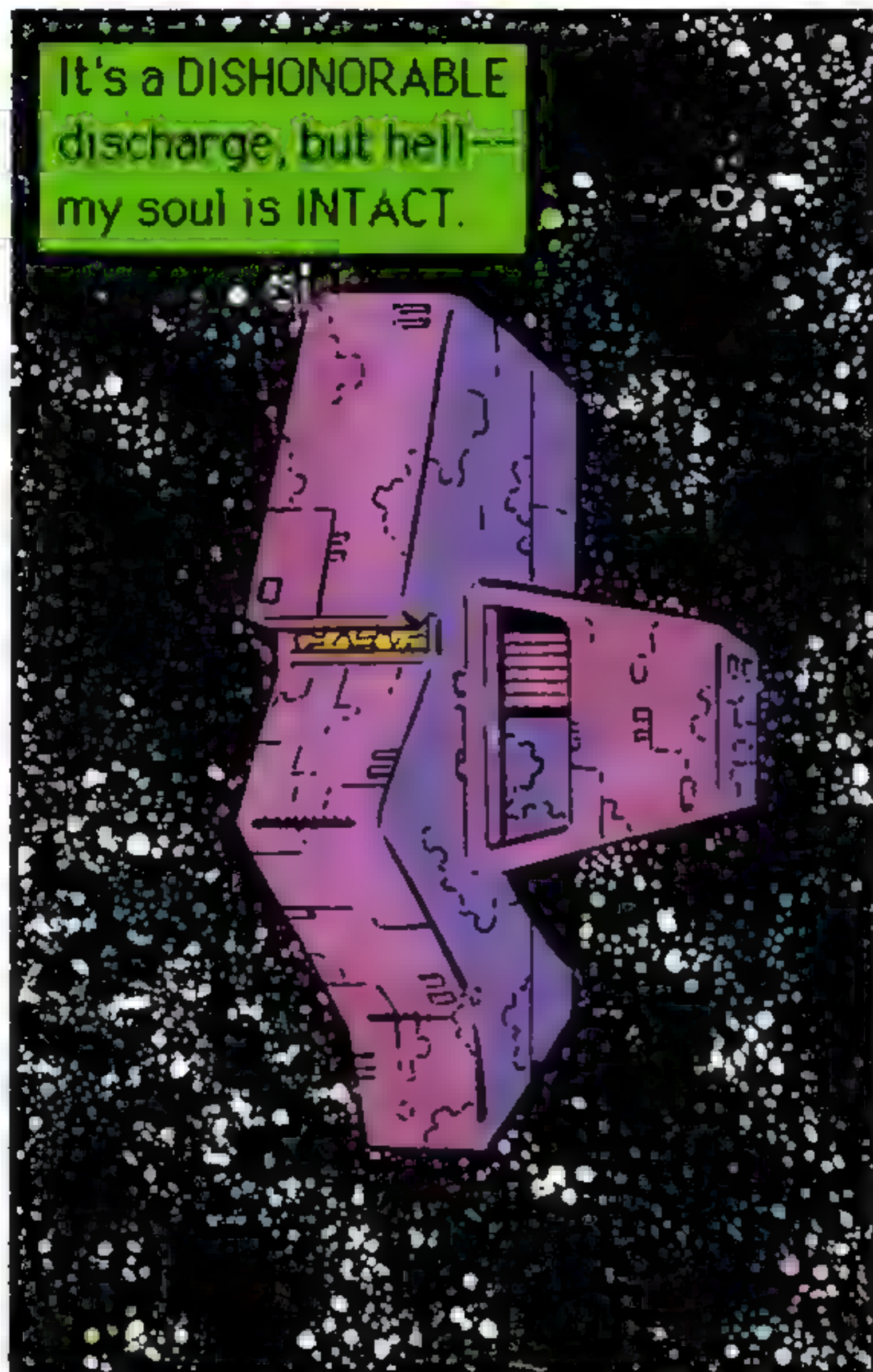








They cut me LOOSE!
Can you BELIEVE it?
They cut me LOOSE!

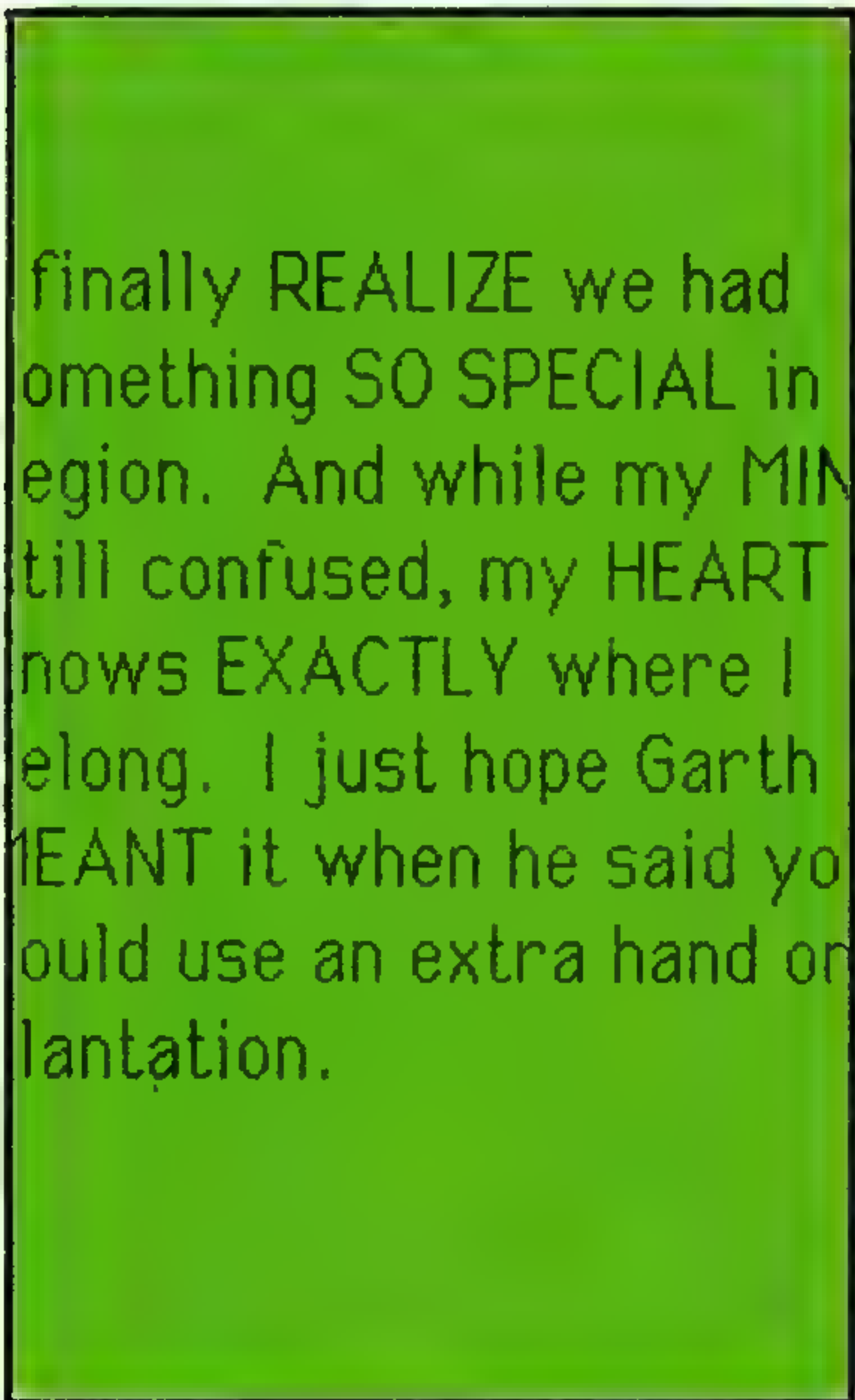


It's a DISHONORABLE
discharge, but hell—
my soul is INTACT.



I'm FREE. I MADE it. But I
couldn't have done it, Ayla,
not without your LETTERS.

And without YOU getting
the OTHERS to write, too.



finally REALIZE we had
something SO SPECIAL in
region. And while my MIND
till confused, my HEART
now knows EXACTLY where I
belong. I just hope Garth
MEANT it when he said you
could use an extra hand on
plantation.



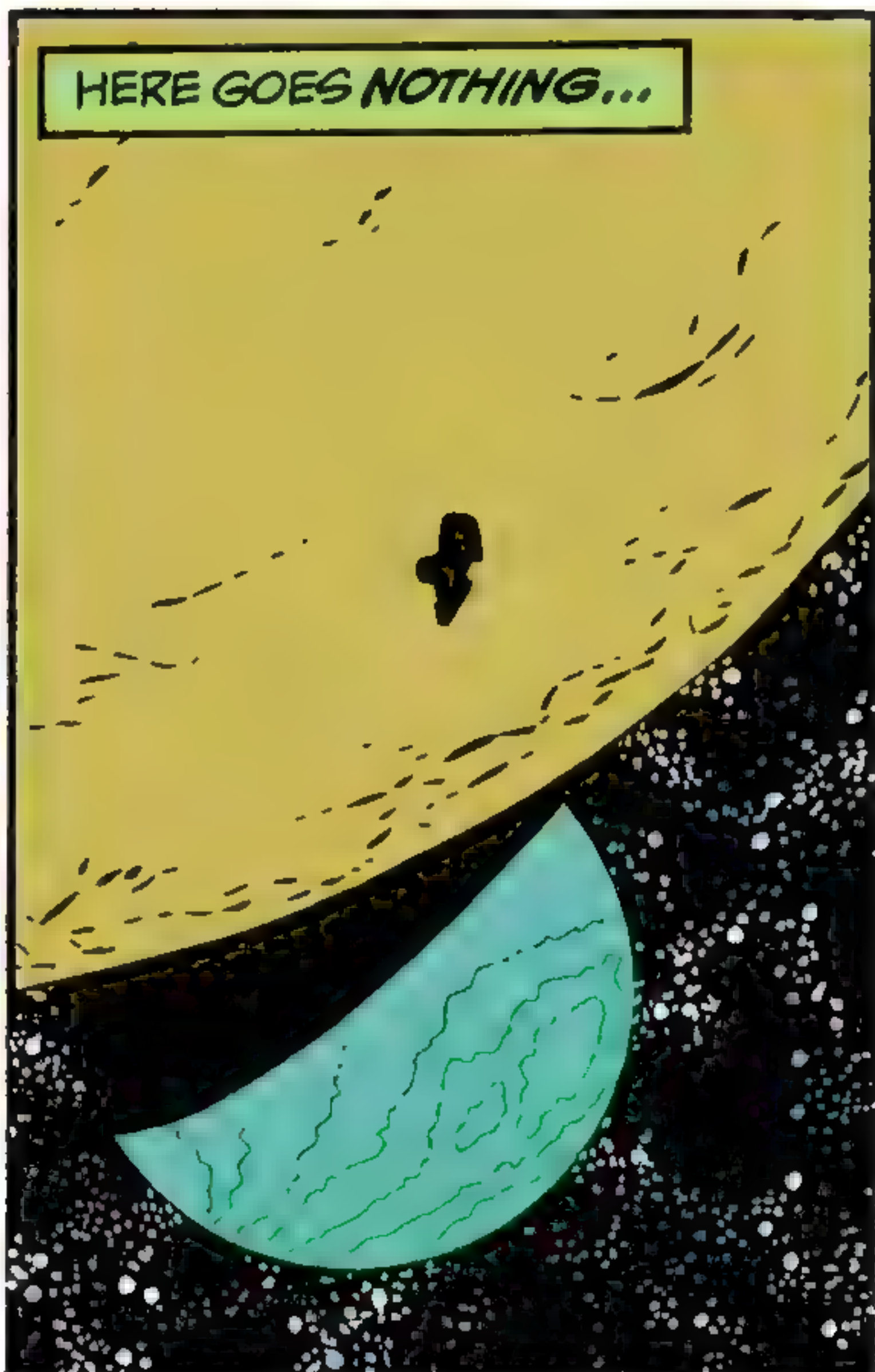
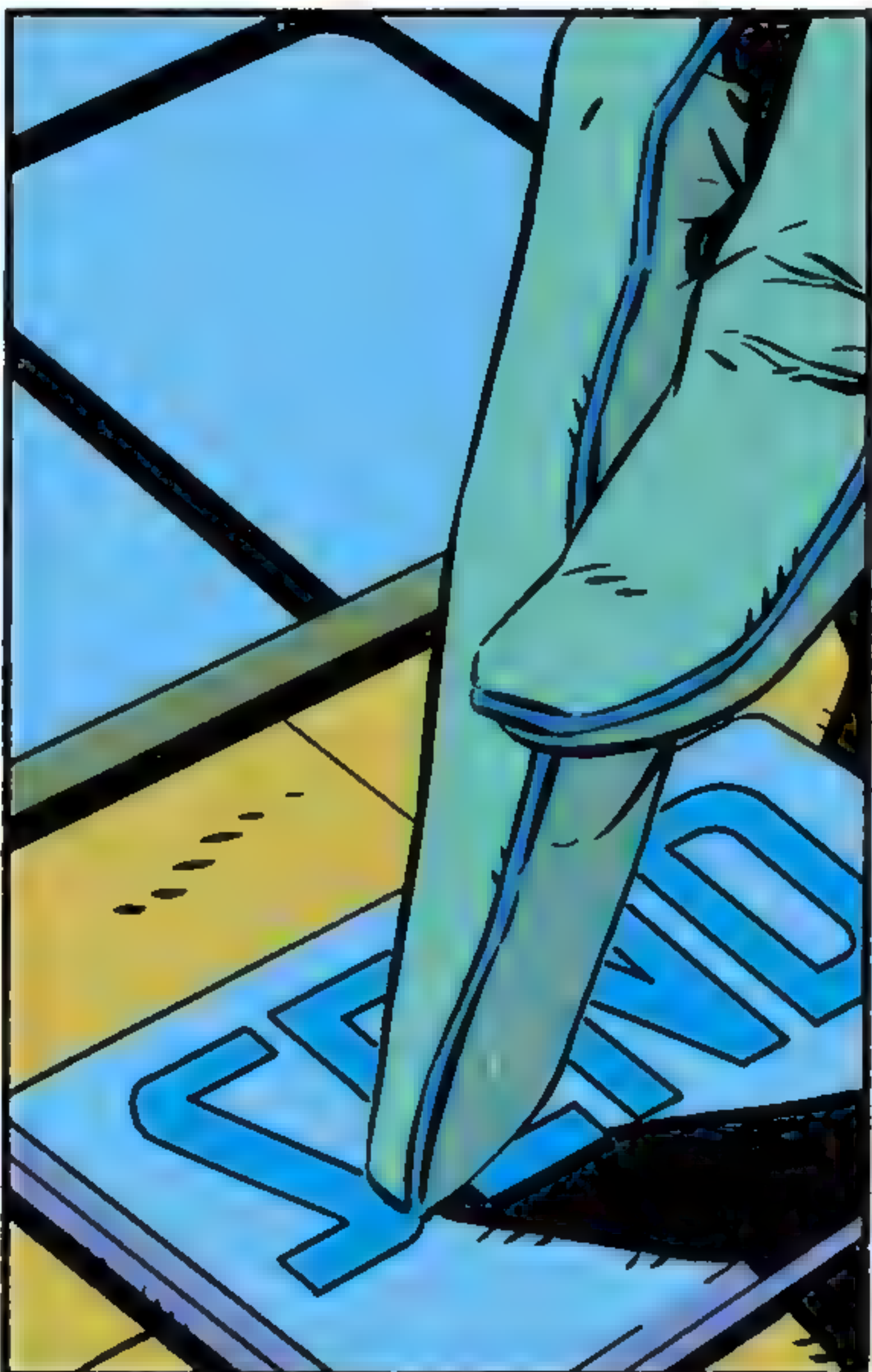
hope Garth MEANT it when he
said you could use an extra
hand on the plantation.
I'm coming "home."

Love, Vi.

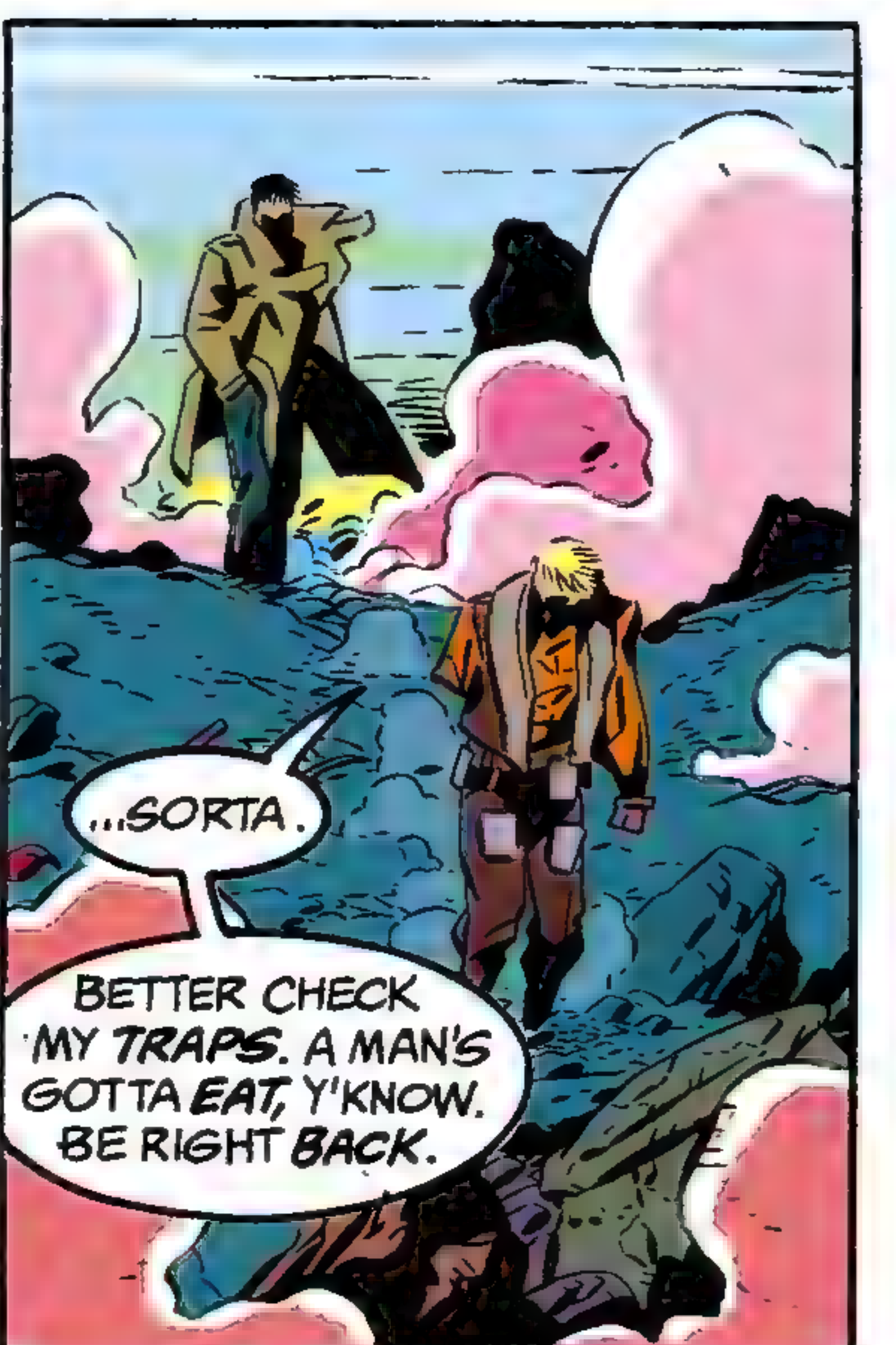
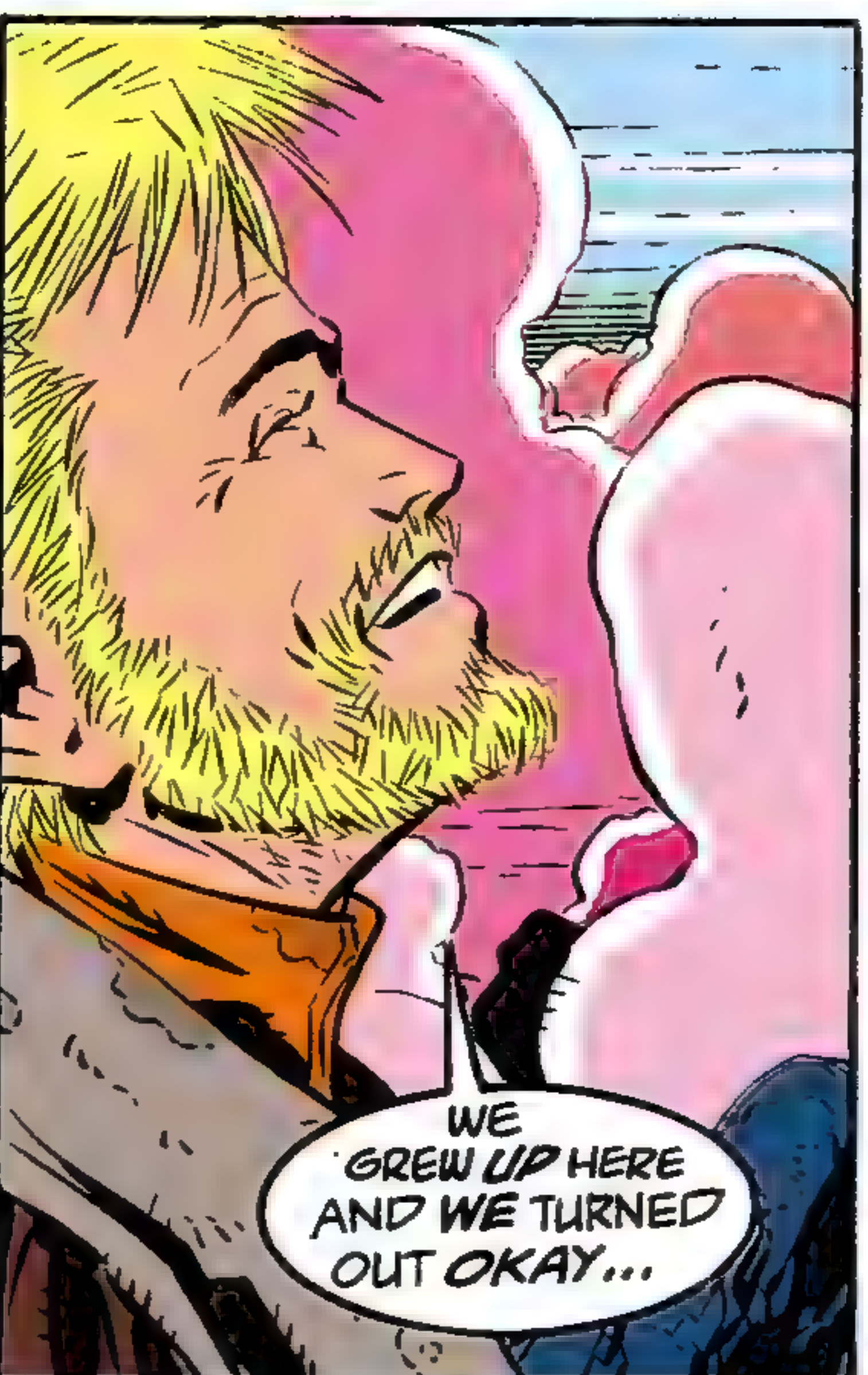
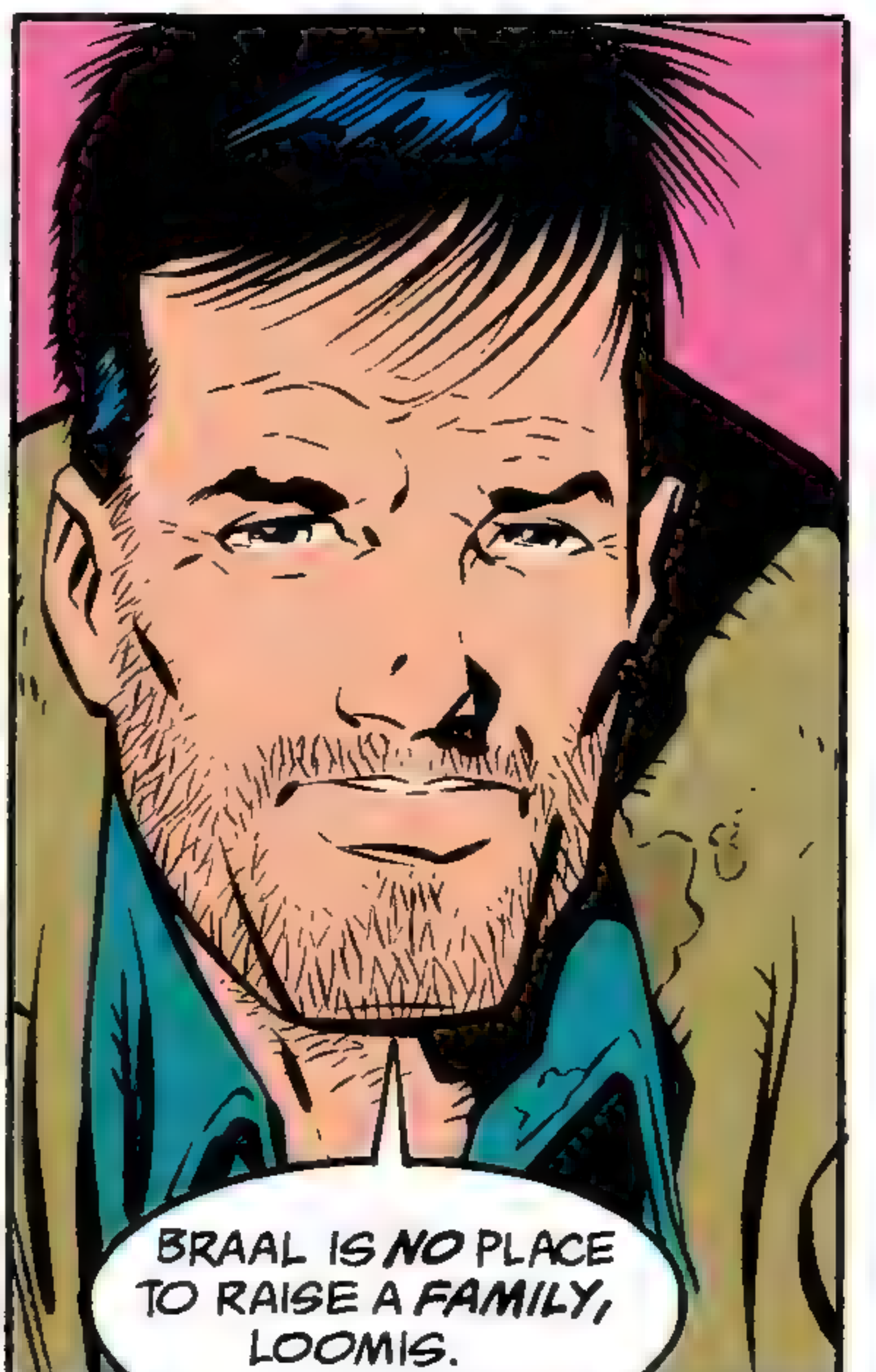
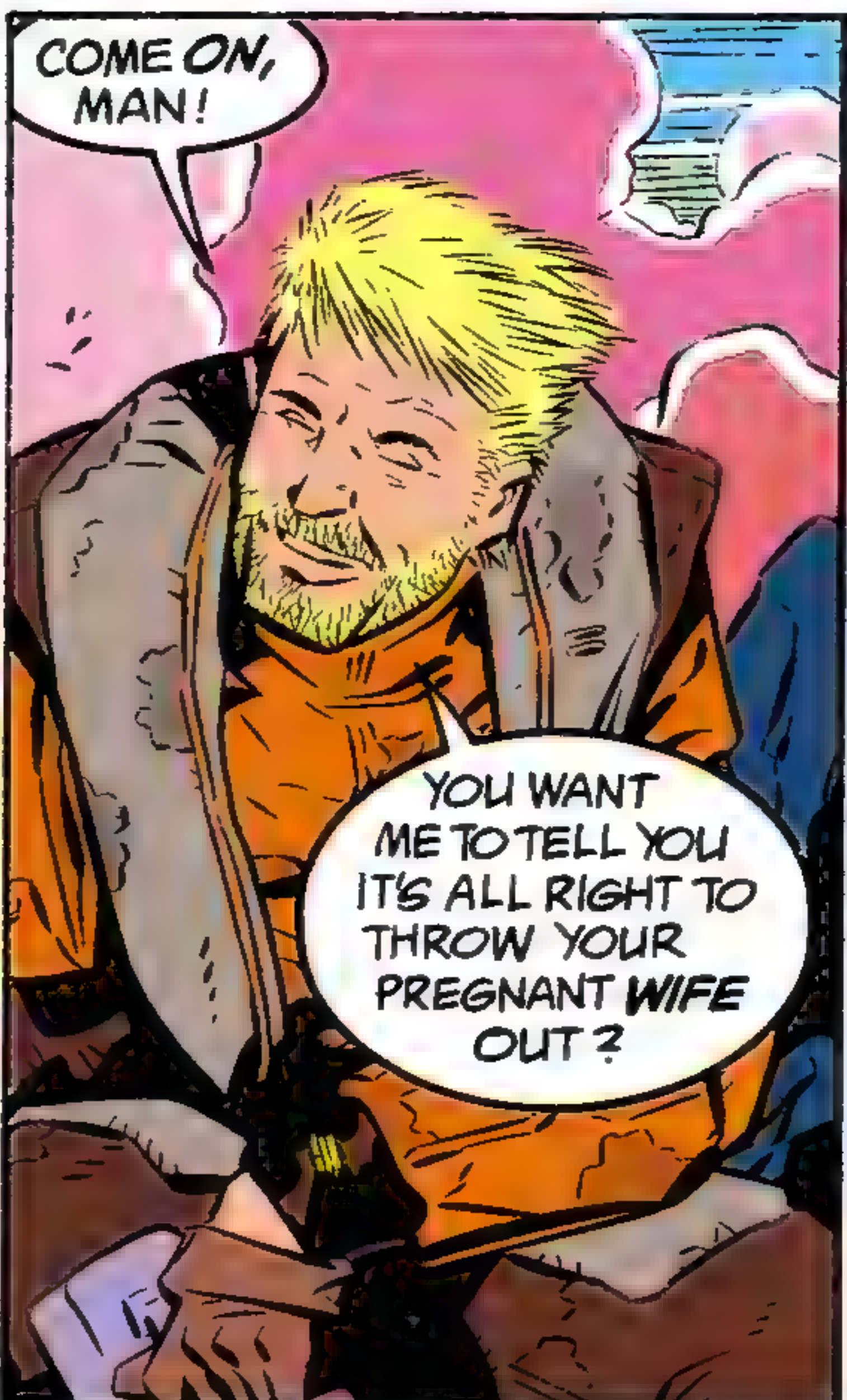
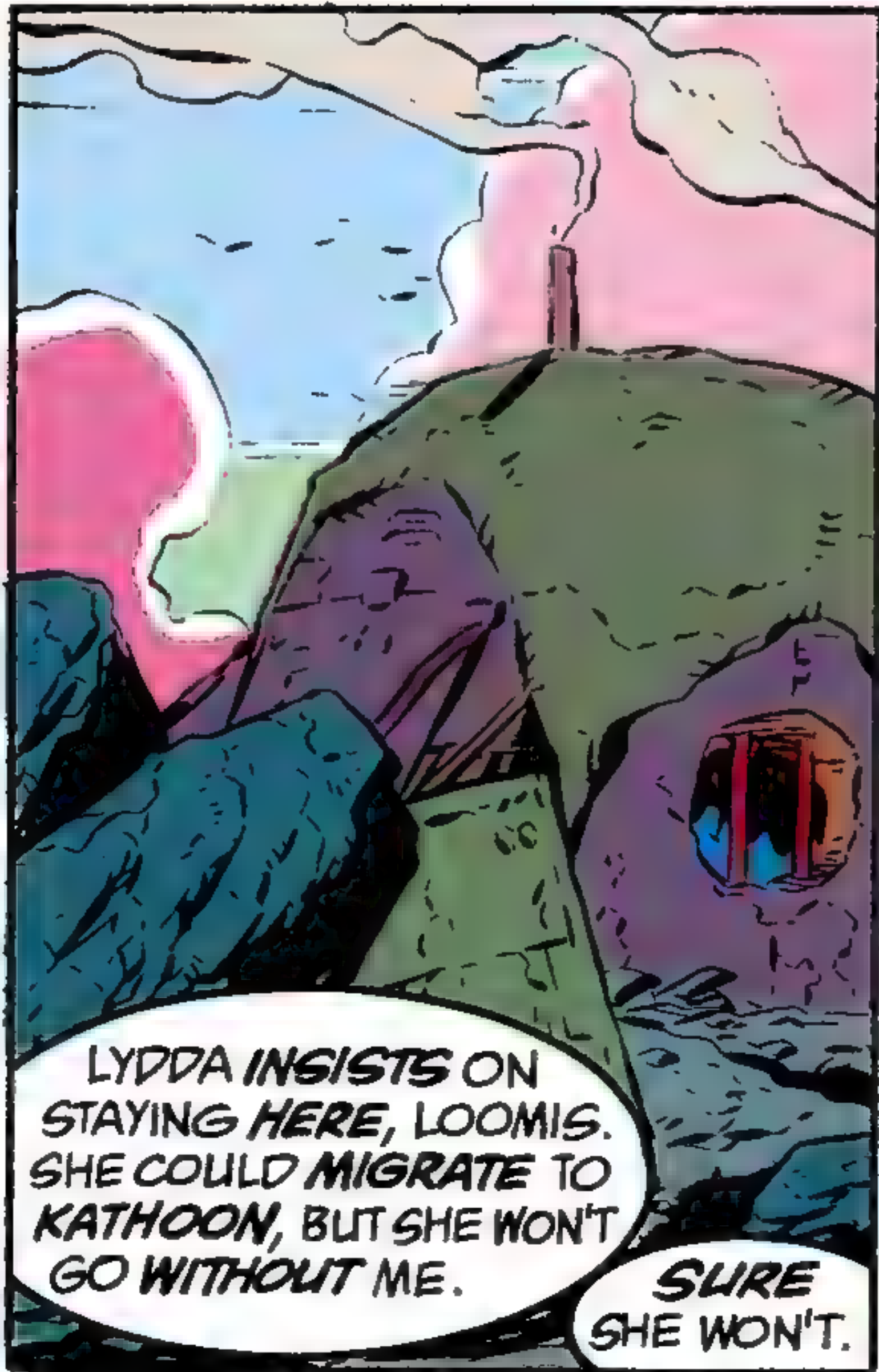
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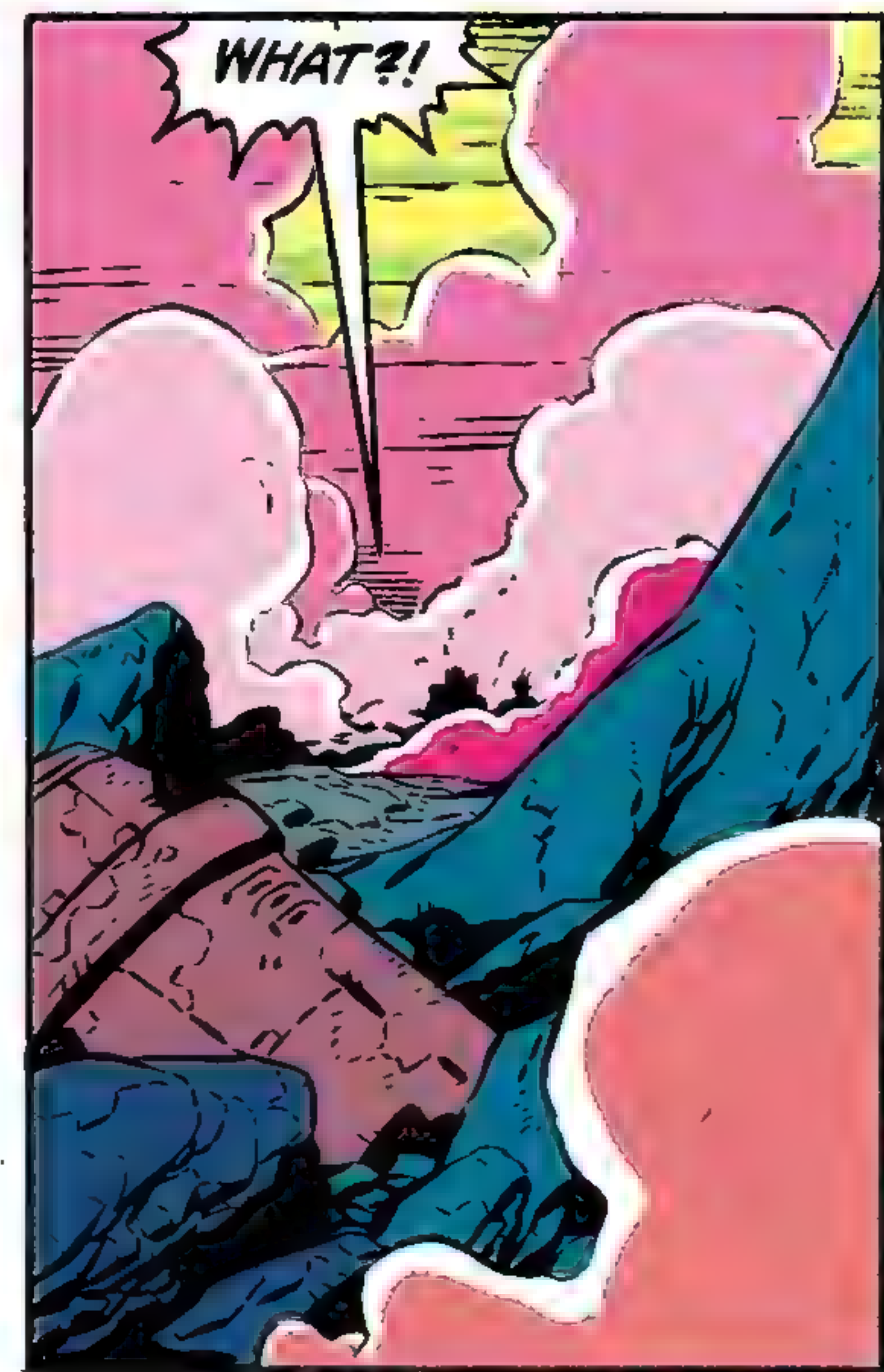
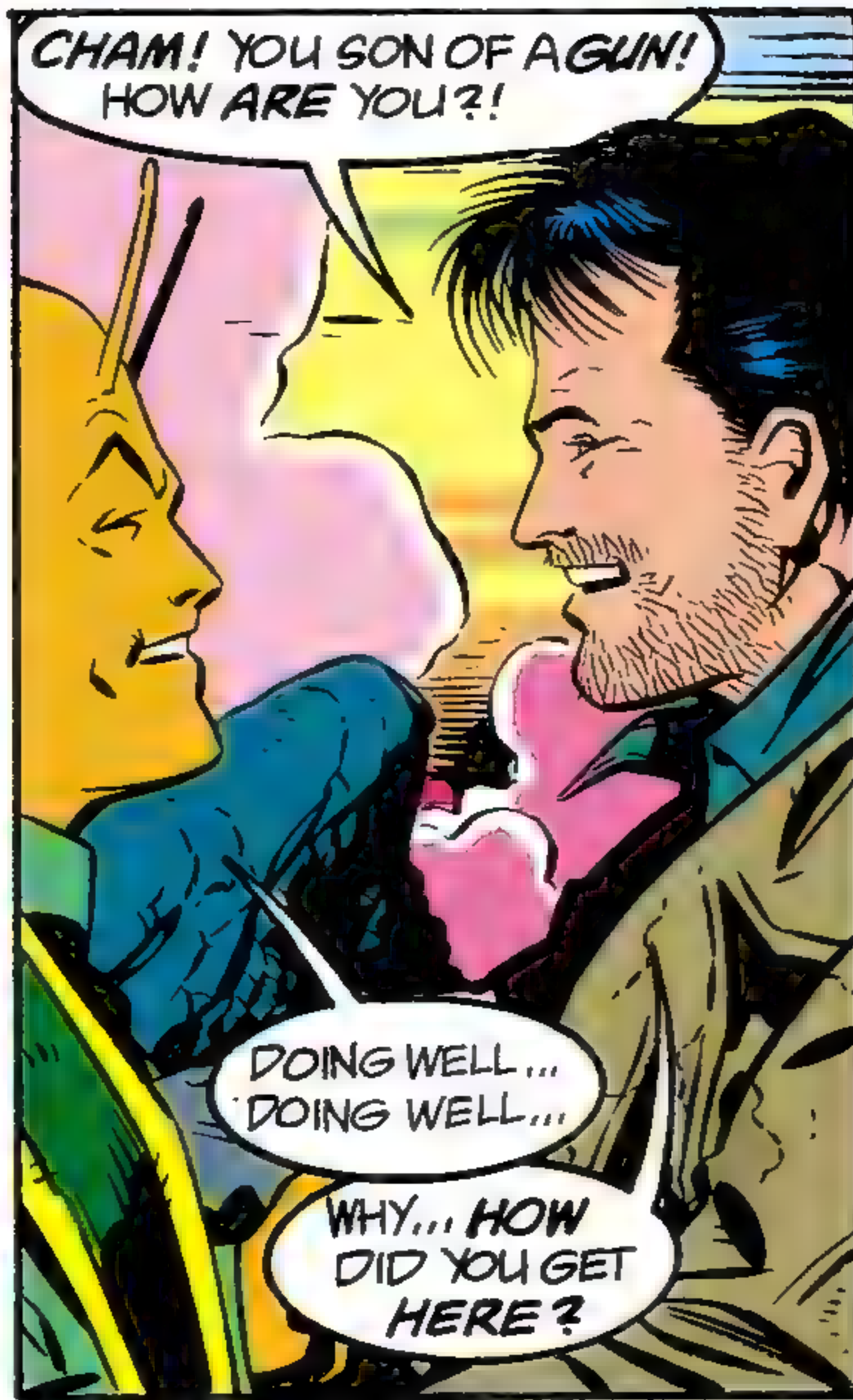
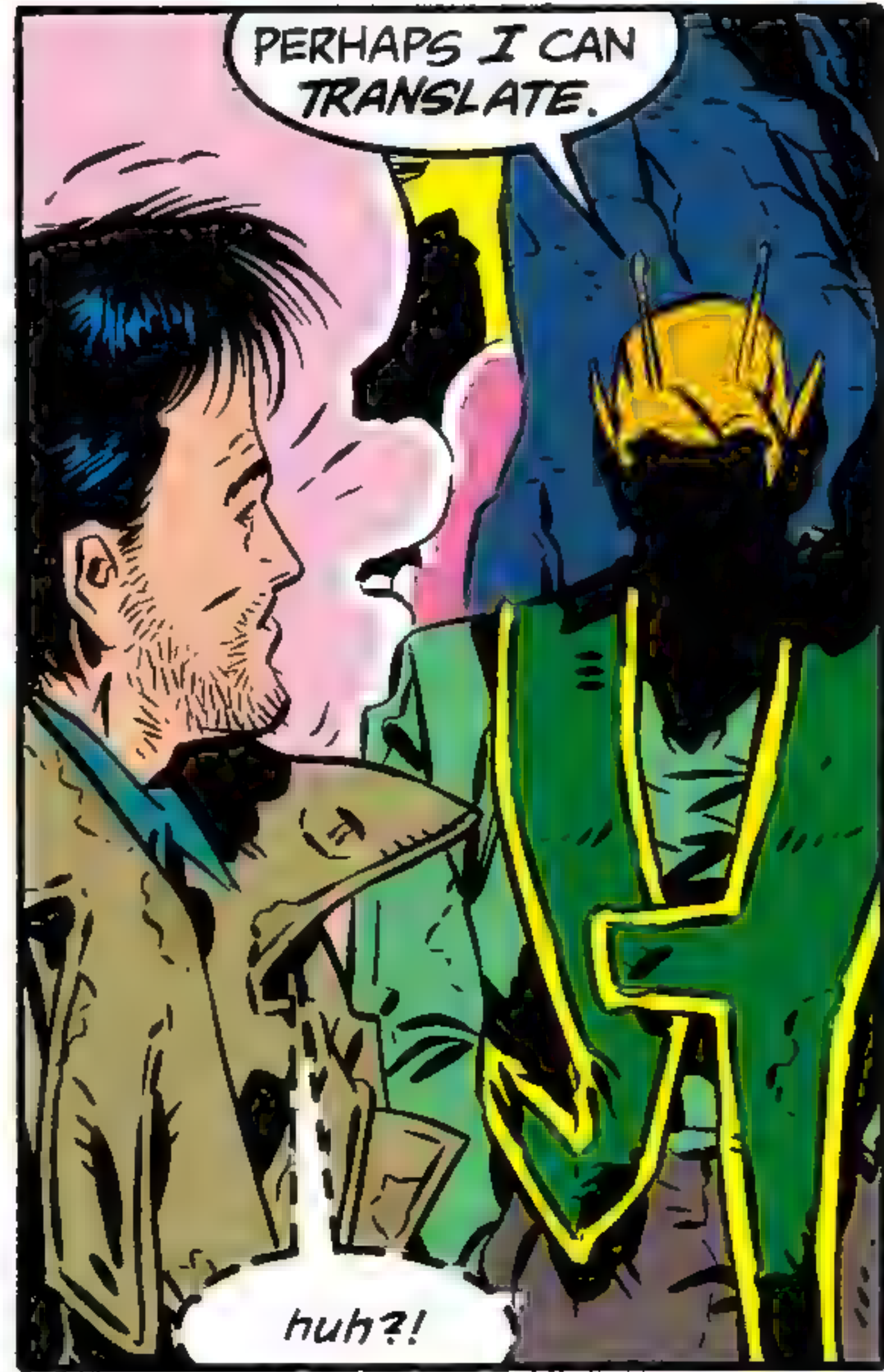
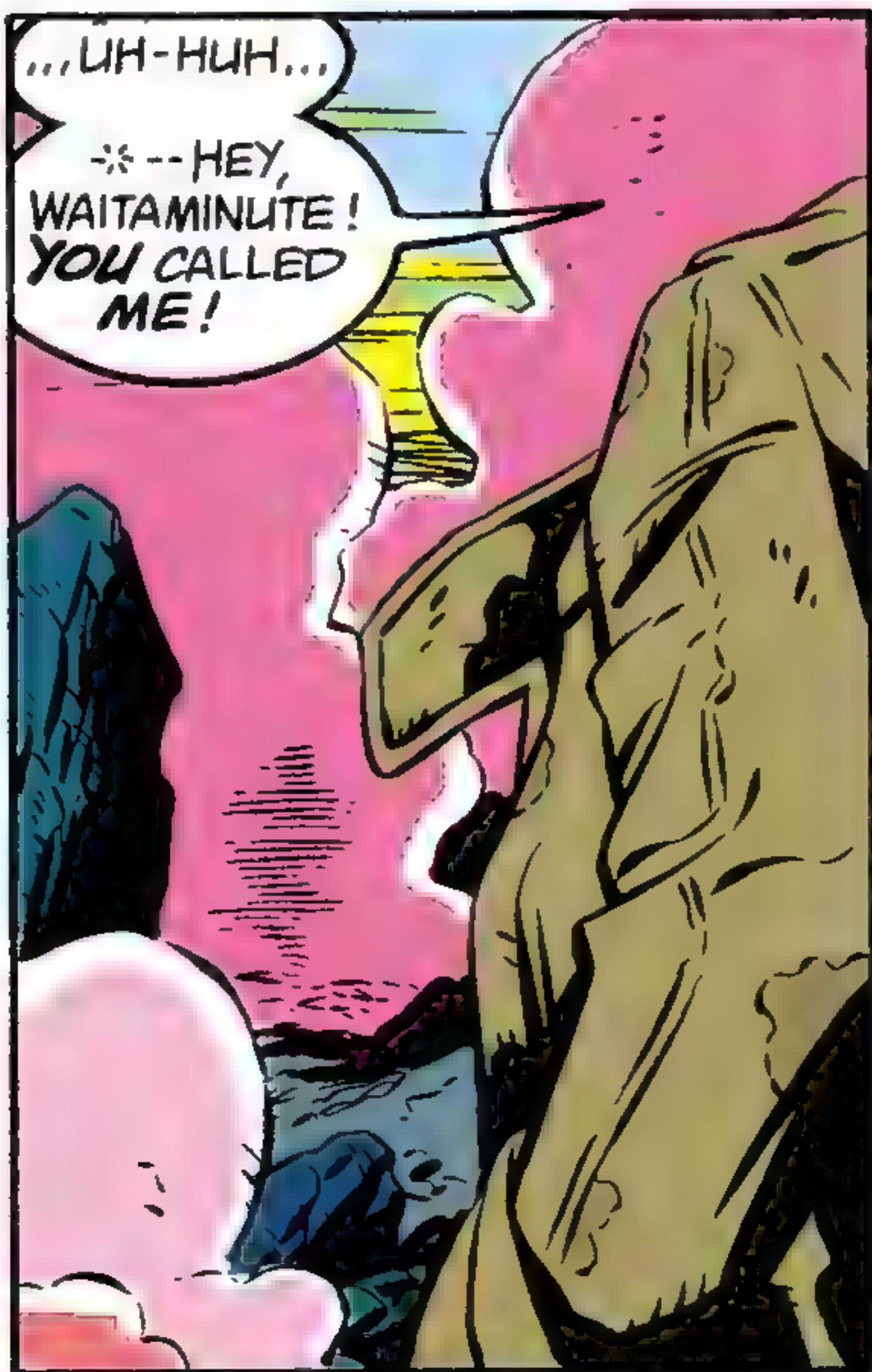


SO...



HERE GOES NOTHING...



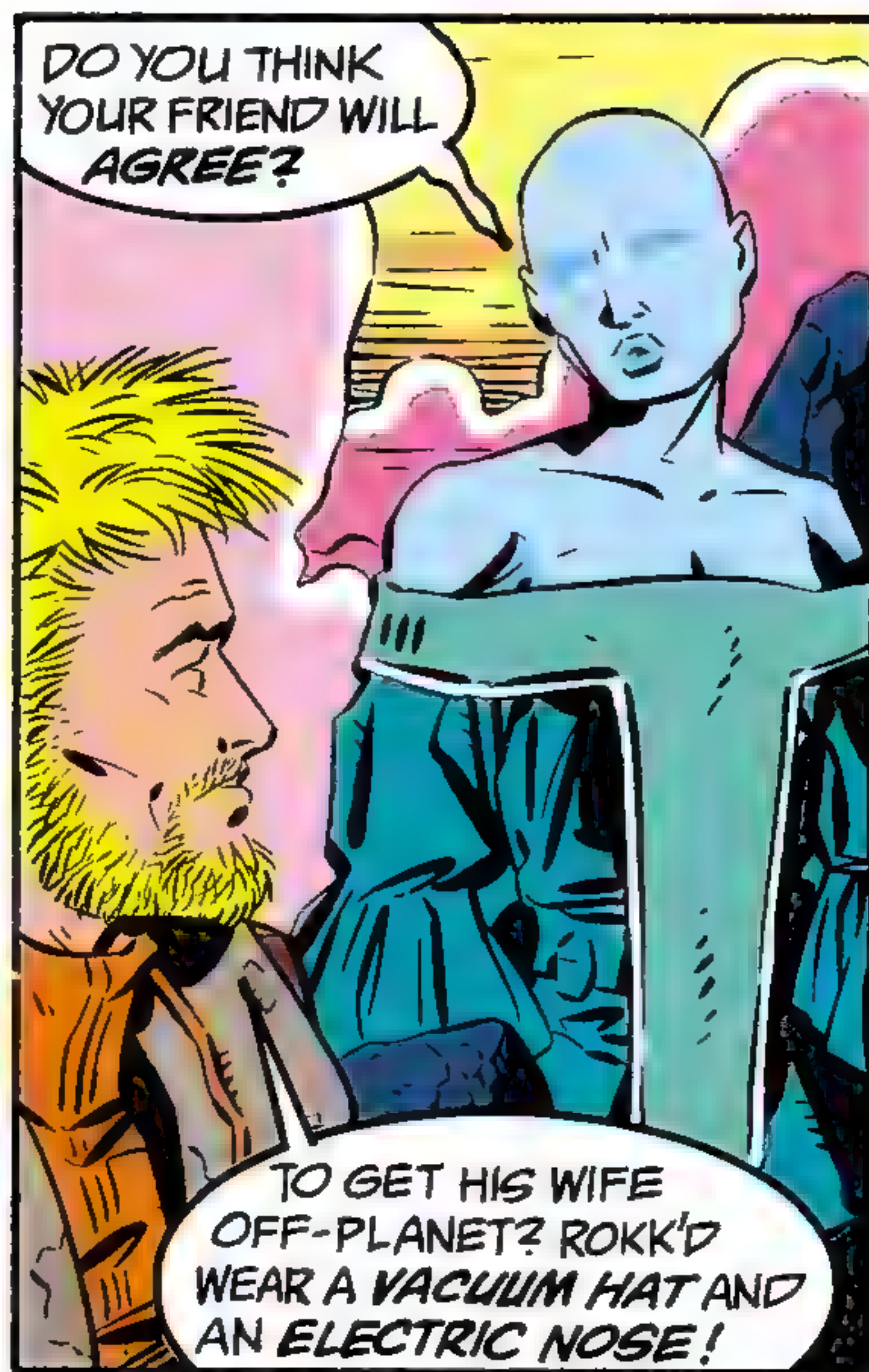




WHY IS IT, THE
WORST-TASTING
CREATURES IN
CREATION...



...ARE ALWAYS THE MOST
EAGER TO BE EATEN?

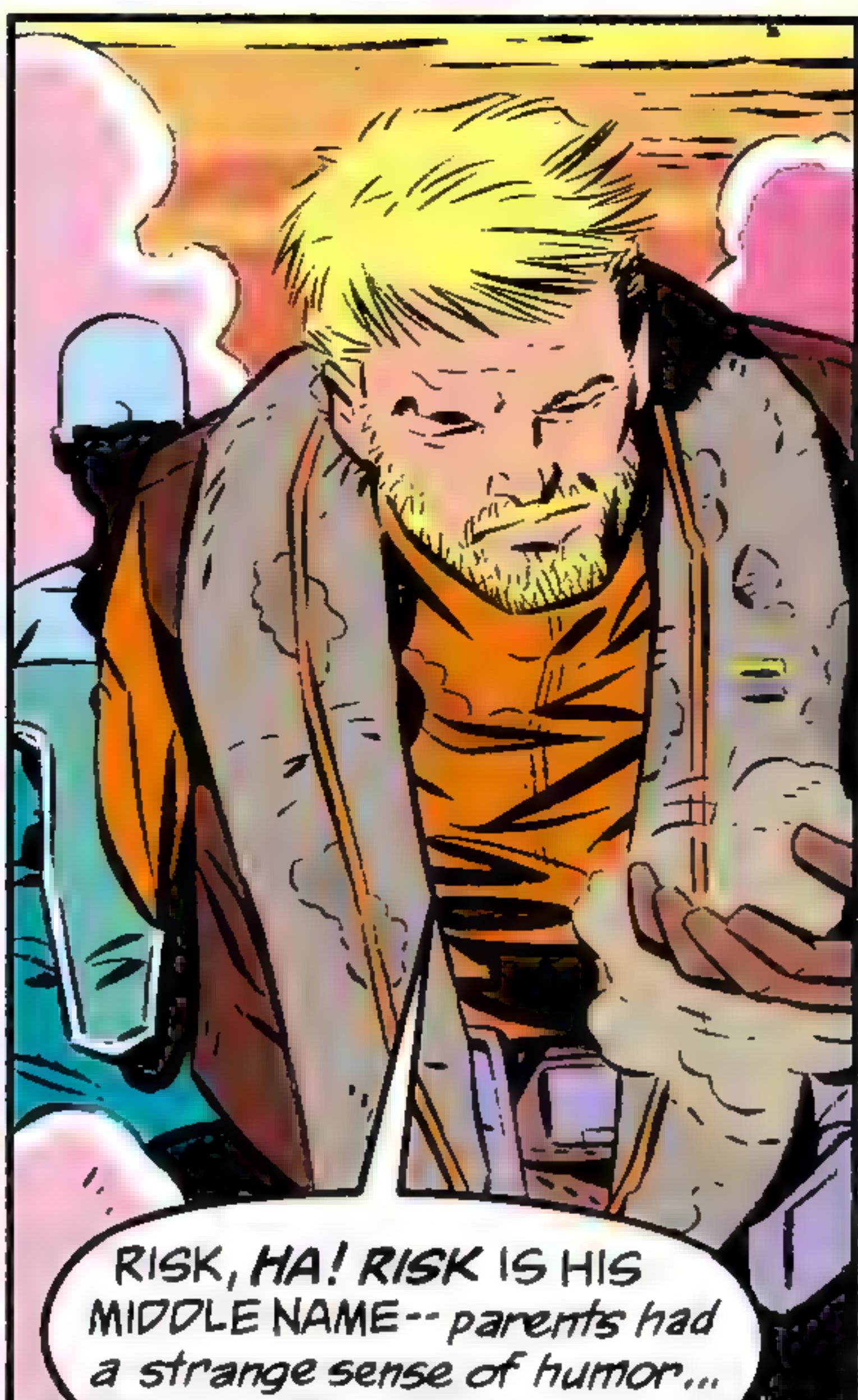


DO YOU THINK
YOUR FRIEND WILL
AGREE?

TO GET HIS WIFE
OFF-PLANET? ROKK'D
WEAR A VACUUM HAT AND
AN ELECTRIC NOSE!



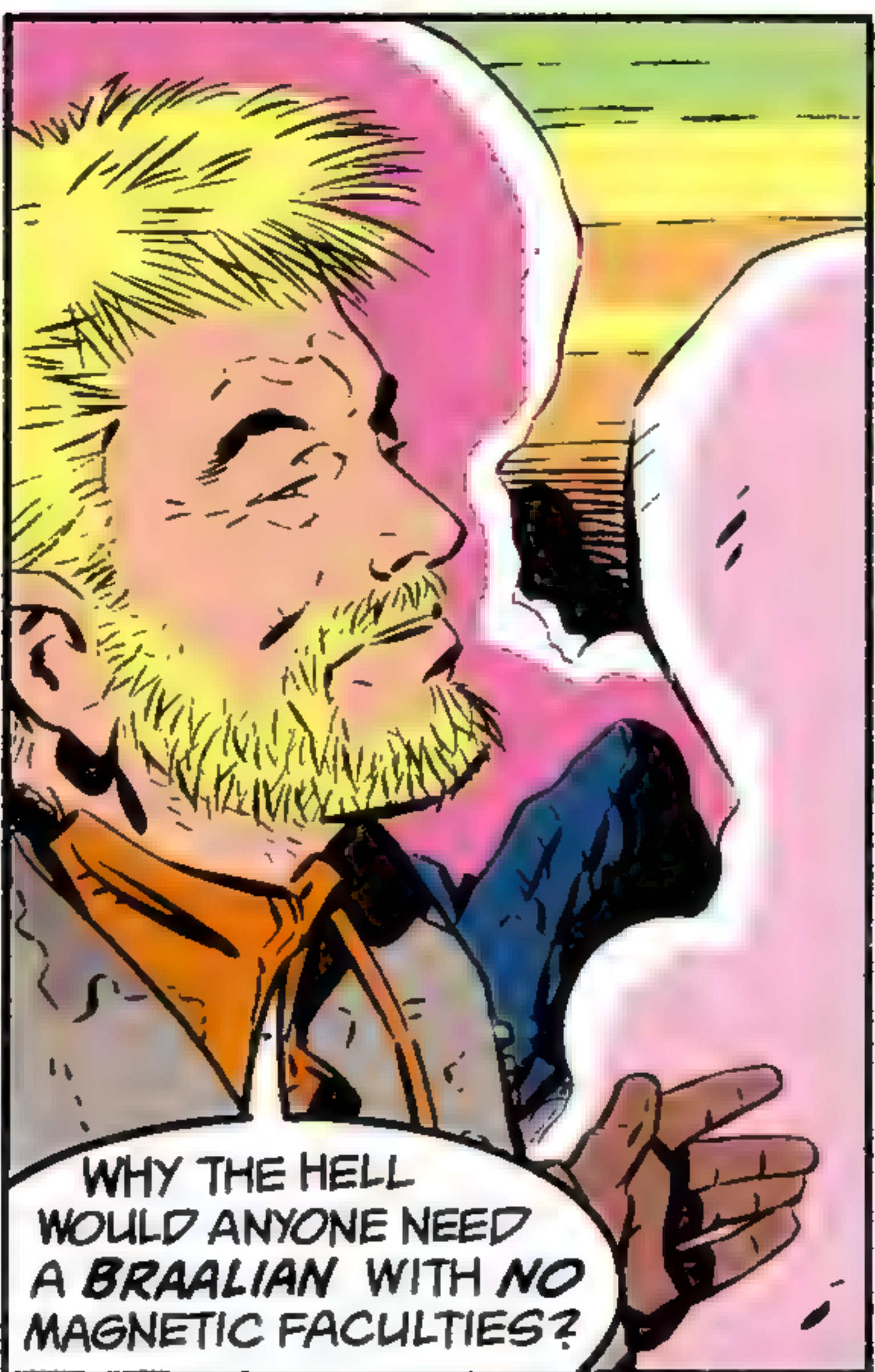
THAT WILL NOT BE REQUIRED.
BUT THERE IS RISK.



RISK, HA! RISK IS HIS
MIDDLE NAME-- parents had
a strange sense of humor...



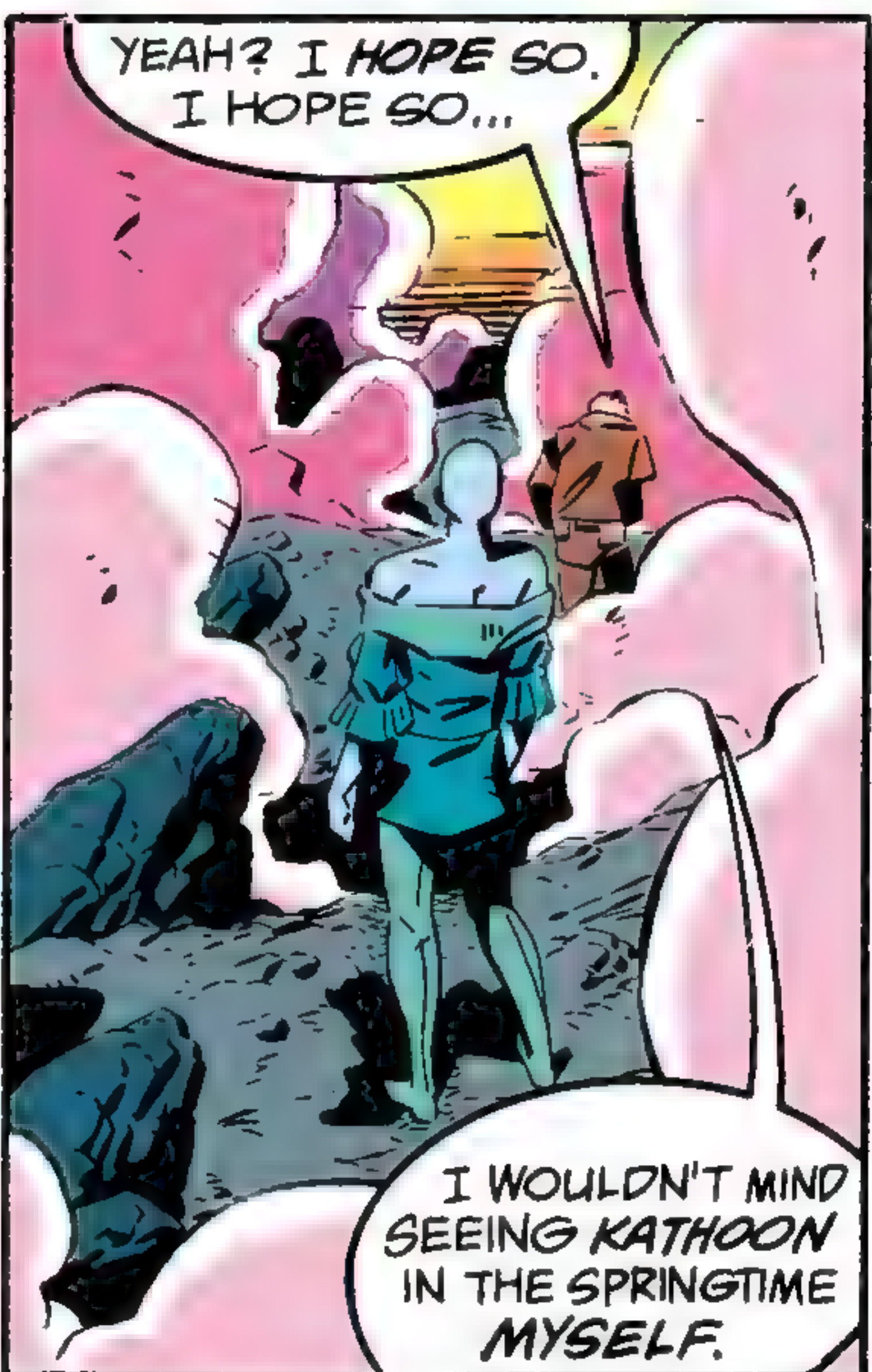
I JUST HOPE YOUR BOSS
DOESN'T BACK OUT OF THE
DEAL WHEN HE FINDS OUT
ROKK'S A CRIP.



WHY THE HELL
WOULD ANYONE NEED
A BRAALIAN WITH NO
MAGNETIC FACULTIES?

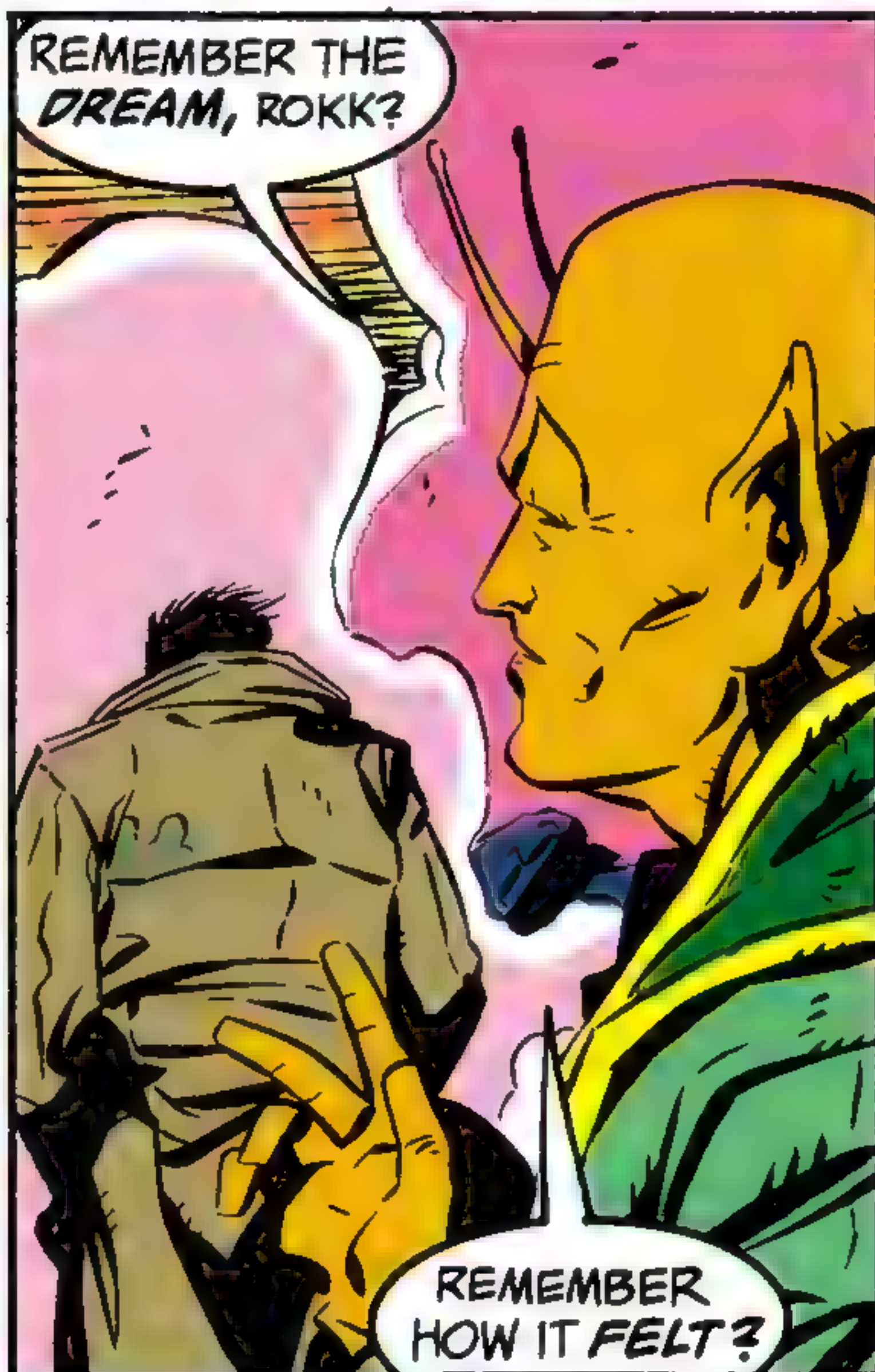
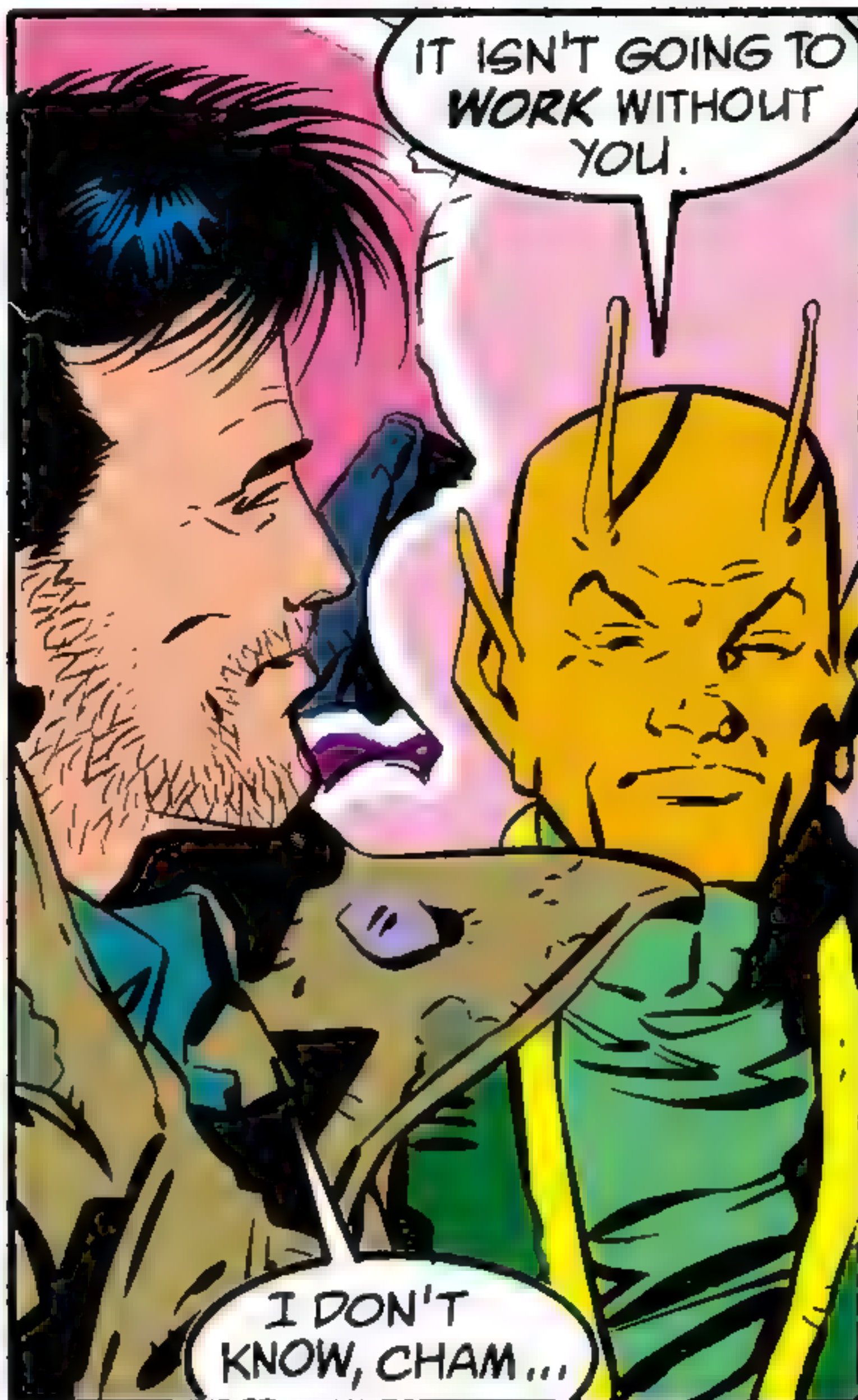


MR. DAGGLE KNOWS EXACTLY
WHAT HE'S DOING, SIR.



YEAH? I HOPE SO.
I HOPE SO...

I WOULDN'T MIND
SEEING KATHOON
IN THE SPRINGTIME
MYSELF.





YEAH, A LITTLE NERVOUS, I GUESS.

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE EARTH.

Y'KNOW, FIND WORK. HELP OUT THE FAMILY.

A LITTLE EXCITEMENT.

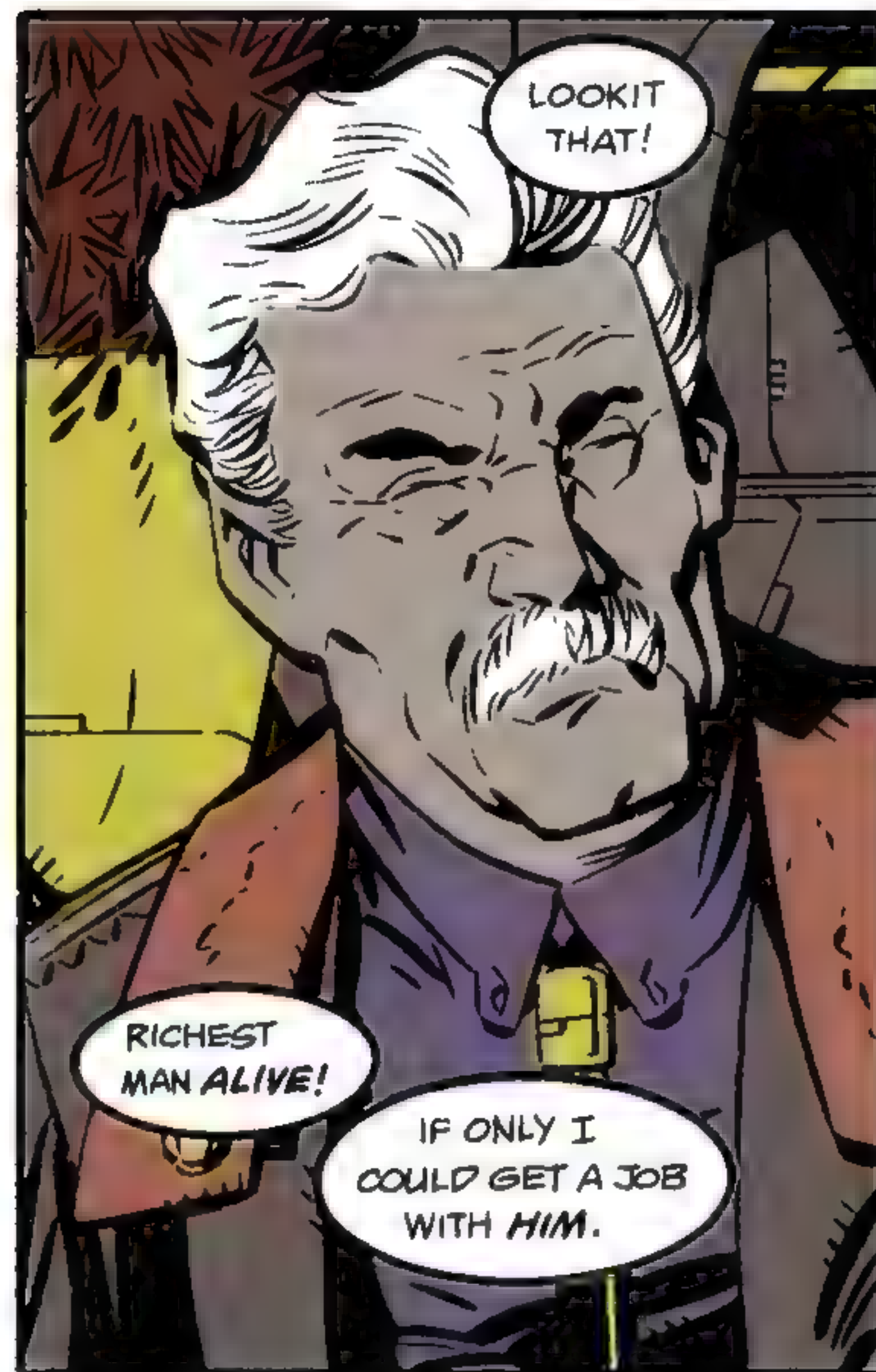


C'MON, ROKK. GOTTA SIT CLOSER TO HER!

LITTLE WIGGLE IN THAT REAR END AND SHE'D BE PERFECT.

SHE IS PERFECT.

FROM TITAN MEANS SHE'S A TELEPATH.



LOOKIT THAT!

RICHEST MAN ALIVE!

IF ONLY I COULD GET A JOB WITH HIM.



HATEFUL THOUGHTS! ASSASSINATION? THAT MAN!

THE BLONDE! SOMETHING'S WRONG!



HE'S GOING TO KILL MR. BRANDE!

...GEEZ!...

...OUR ABILITIES...

STOP HIM, SOMEBODY STOP HIM!



GET DOWN! EVERYBODY DOWN!

EEEEEE!

K-K-KRAK!

GOT HIM! OK, GOT HIM!

OK, IT'S OK

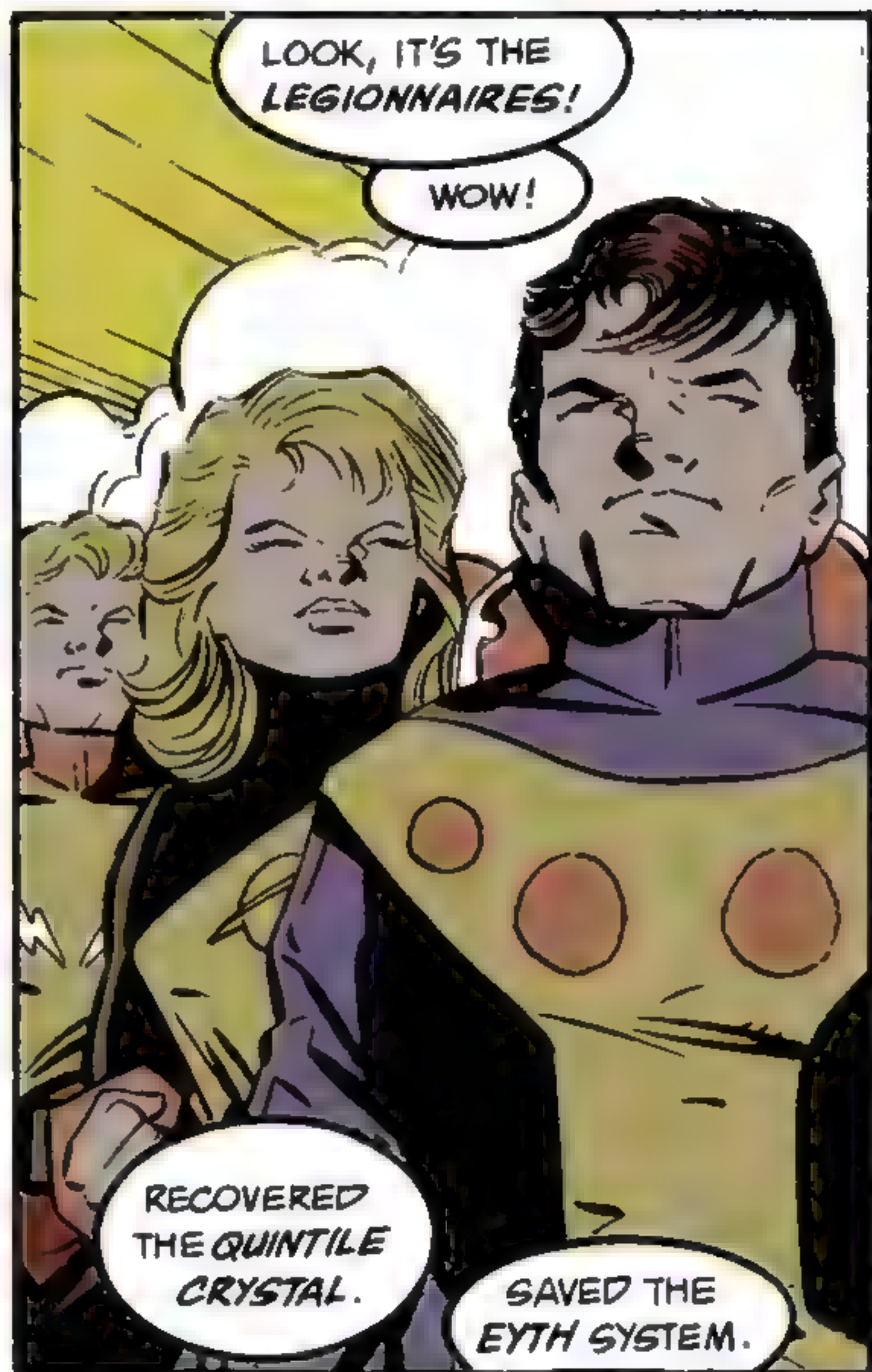


B-BUT WE'RE ONLY TEENAGERS.

JUST TRYING TO HELP, MR. BRANDE.

THE BEST FACILITIES. MONEY IS NO OBJECT.

NEVER EXPECTED A JOB LIKE THIS.



LOOK, IT'S THE LEGIONNAIRES!

WOW!

RECOVERED THE QUINTILE CRYSTAL.

SAVED THE EYTH SYSTEM.



IT'S ALL WORKING.

WE'RE REALLY GONNA MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

ROKK KRINN
Optimum
Leadership
Potential

THIS IS WHAT I WAS BORN TO DO.



SC-C-CREAK!

YOU SURE
TOOK YOUR SWEET
TIME

012 021 010 270
0120 021 010 270
010 021 010 270*

*IT'S TRUE. HE LIVES LIKE
THIS ALL THE TIME.

INTERLAC,
PLEASE.

Ahhh, OF COURSE.
DO YOU REALLY, ah,
ENJOY LIVING LIKE
THIS?

WELL, WHAT
YOU CAN'T SEE
CAN'T HURT
YOU.

Ahhhh, YES, WE HAVE
HEARD OF YOUR, ah...
COMPANIONS, AND...

I know you don't want
to hurt ME you want ME
to hurt THEM i know
and i WILL i SWEAR.

012 021 010 270
0120 021 010 270*

* PATHETIC.

INTERLAC, DAMN
YOU! WHEN YOU'RE IN
MY QUARTERS, YOU
SPEAK INTERLAC!

012 021 010 270
0120 021 010 270
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JUST REMEMBER.
INTERLAC.

THANK YOU. Ahhh...
SO... SIR... Ah, ARE
YOU UP FOR A LITTLE,
ah, PROPOSITION?

I'M LISTENING.

IT WAS, YOU KNOW,
NOT AN EASY FEAT TO GET
YOU OFF, ah, LABYRINTH.
THE, ah, UNITED PLANETS LAW
COULD NEVER FORGIVE
WHAT YOU HAVE DONE.

their forgiveness
i don't care about...

WE DO NOT
HAVE ANY SUCH, ah,
RESERVATIONS...

WE ARE PREPARED
TO ASSIST YOU IN
RESUMING YOUR, ah,
MISSION.

ARE YOU, NOW?

WELL, SO BE IT.

WELCOME TO
HELL.

TO BE CONTINUED

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U.P. TECH-ECONOMY PROBLEMS, NOT KHUNDS, CAUSED '89 COLLAPSE, SAYS REBIRTH SUMMIT

ELIA, XANTHU -- Leading economics authorities adjourned Rebirth Summit I here today after issuing a position paper condemning as "racist paranoia and propaganda" theories that the Great Collapse of 2989 was the result of a Khund conspiracy.

Rather, a combination of massively over-extended credit, widescale ecological damage, and runaway spending on anti-Khund fortifications are pinpointed by the Summit as the key factors that brought the economy of the United Planet tumbling down in October 2989.

Colu's Havron Xid, chair of the Summit, explained to The Daily Planet that most of the U.P. worlds found themselves on "an ever-accelerating treadmill" of financial pressures that made some sort of collapse inevitable.

According to Xid, economic experts are increasingly agreeing that the recent proliferation of planetary weather control systems played a key role in hastening the economic demise.

She explained: "These massive systems began to alter the environment by their very nature -- the tremendous expense of energy required to control the weather was itself making the weather harder to control. In essence, the longer you run a weather-control system, the harder it is to control the weather.

"Unless the technology is dramatically improved, you shall sooner or later find yourself with a devastated environment and a bankrupt planet."

Oil G.R.E. Rath, Mercantile Minister of Alkoz, drafted the passage in the Summit's position paper that condemned the Khund Conspiracy Theory. Rath commented, "While it's undeniably true that the Khunds made every effort to aggravate the effects of the Collapse once it occurred, those efforts were almost laughably unsophisticated and futile.

"And in fact, their ineptness confirms they couldn't possibly have engineered the Collapse in the first place. They've taken tremendous advantage of the U.P.'s misfortune, true, but they simply lack the economic savvy to have caused it."

The Summit's position paper was immediately condemned by the Coalition For Human-Humanoid Preservation, one of the most vocal proponents of the Khund Conspiracy Theory. CHHP director Brin Tami told reporters, "When a group of supposedly respectable representatives of the remaining Free Worlds can be duped by the Khund Conspiracy -- as have been the members of the Rebirth Summit -- it must serve as a signal to us all that the battle lines are drawn even closer to home than we had feared."

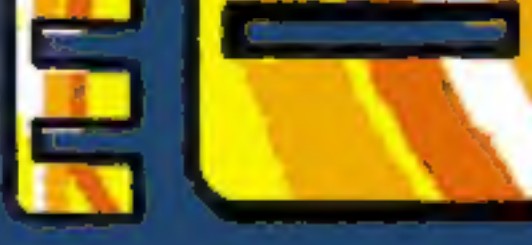
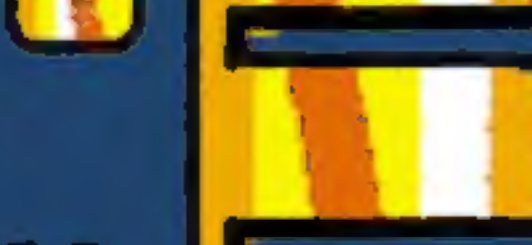
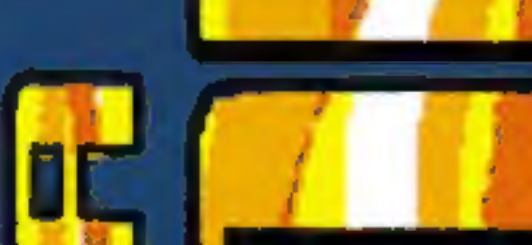
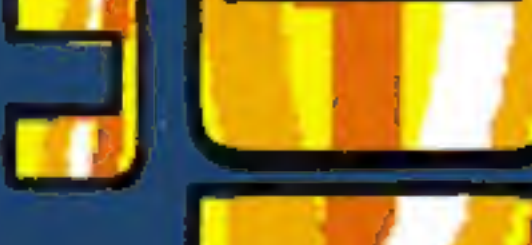
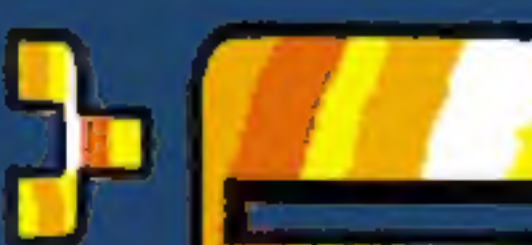
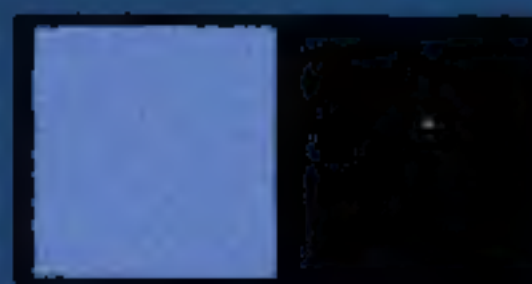
Tami dismissed the Treadmill Theory as a "concoction" of the Naturalist Party, and charged that the Naturalist movement has been infiltrated by the Khunds.

The position paper of the non-partisan Rebirth Summit listed a number of contributing causes to the Collapse, including:

- The tendency for many advanced planets to increase their technology beyond the level that could be supported by their own natural resources.
- The "wasteful and corrupt" spending practices of the U.P. Military Superstructure, which "plunged the U.P. and many member worlds into debt to fund the armaments on the Khund frontier -- armaments that proved to be utterly useless after the Collapse."
- The failure of the U.P. to make "constructive use" of the billions of state-supported indigents on planets such as Braal and Ferno. "Missing the opportunity to tap into this vast resource of manpower, the U.P. instead created a huge class of sentients that gradually lost the incentive and the ability to support themselves and contribute to the common good."

As for steps to be taken to restore the economic health of the surviving Free Worlds, the position paper outlines some tentative proposals, to be addressed more fully at Rebirth Summit II this March. They include:

- Renewed support of the United Planets by the remaining Free Worlds.
- A Self-Sufficiency Amendment to the U.P. charter, outlawing the "deficit consumption" of resources and materials on any member world. Signatory worlds would be required to consume resources no more quickly than their planets would be capable of replacing them.
- A ban on planetary weather control systems, to be followed by the phasing out of regional systems.
- U.P. Charter-mandated caps on fortification spending, and the creation of a Superstructure Monitor Commission designed to minimize corruption and overspending.



Personal Communique/April 13, 2990

From: Tayla Wellington
Earth President



The Global Council of The Planet Earth
75 Hamilton Plaza
Metropolis, North America

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Council,

The time has come for us to jointly address the Legion problem.
As each of you is aware, the Legion of Super-Heroes, once a highly valued, irreplaceable link in our defenses, has, since the Great Collapse, become more and more a counterproductive force.

To recount the problems that have arisen, the Legion has:

- Become viewed by the electorate as an economic burden that can no longer be justified in these difficult times.
- Shown an ever-decreasing effectiveness against the forces that most concern the people, especially the steady encroachment of the Khund Empire into what was once United Planets space.
- Shown little willingness to work in concert with our forward-thinking government and its vision of a new Earth.
- Served as a lightning rod for attacks on this planet that have brought great suffering and hardship to thousands of innocents.

Given these and other unacceptable circumstances, I hereby propose and urge immediate passage of a series of measures designed to resolve the Legion problem to our greatest advantage.

The full texts of the proposed resolutions are attached. To summarize, they call for:

- Immediate withdrawal of all Earthgov subsidies to the Legion.
- A new series of duties and surcharges designed to insure that the Legion shoulders its burden of the costs it brings to this planet.
- A program of constant surveillance and interrogation of Legionnaires by the Science Police stationed on Earth, to insure that Legion activities remain within legal boundaries.
- The creation of a thorough reporting mechanism, so that every action taken by the Legion is carefully and completely documented, for our examination.
- The creation of a special commission within the Earthgov Attorney's Office to fully prosecute all cases in which the Legion fails to abide fully with the laws of this government.

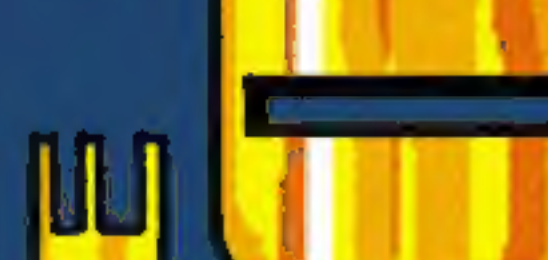
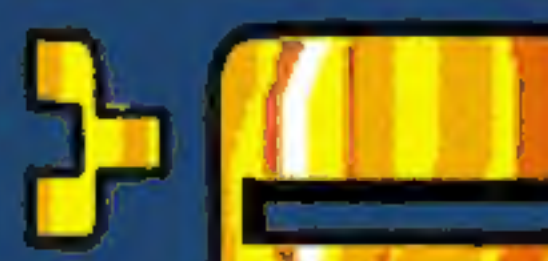
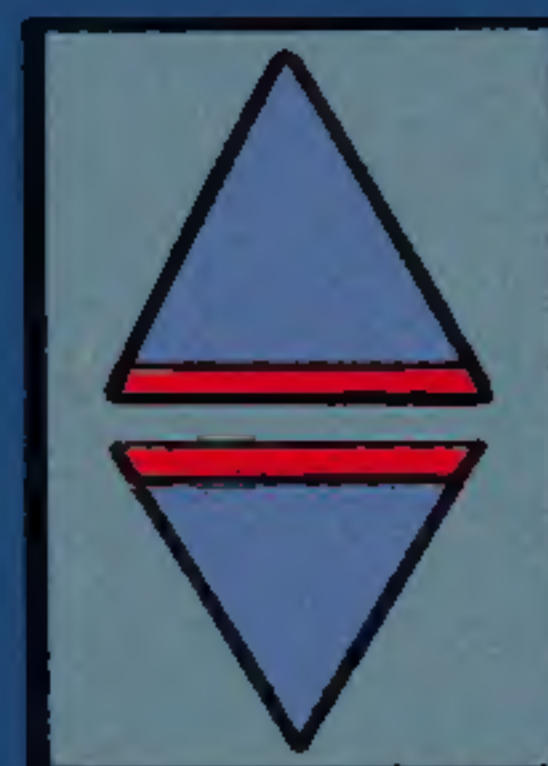
Please review the full texts of these resolutions and be prepared to take final action on them at Tuesday's assembly.

Let us seize this opportunity to reach a cooperative, peaceful solution to this dilemma.

Yours very sincerely,

Tayla Wellington
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LET US ACT ON THIS ONE WITHOUT DELAY, FRIENDS.
WITH SUCH KEY LEGIONNAIRES AS SATURN GIRL, COSMIC
BOY, AND CHAMELEON BOY CURRENTLY OUT OF THE
PICTURE, THE TIME TO MOVE IS NOW. IT IS IMPERATIVE
THAT THE LEGION BE DISBANDED A.S.A.P., WITHOUT BLOODSHED.



Personal Communique/July 6, 2092

From: Brek Bannin
Leader, Legion of Super-Heroes



Tayla Wellington
The President Of Earth
100 Churchill Avenue
London, Europe

Madame President,

It is with great regret and anger that I hereby announce the disbanding of the Legion of Super-Heroes.

Normally I would expect an official such as yourself to share in my sorrow at the passing of so great an institution, but I suspect such is far from the case. In fact, you and the Global Council have made it perfectly clear you do not want the Legion around, and that you'll take whatever steps are necessary to drive us off Earth.

You've hit us with impossible economic burdens, you've assigned the Science Police to harass us at every turn, you've sold our headquarters out from under our very noses, you've initiated 15 prosecutions of Legionnaires on trumped-up charges (failing to gain a single conviction, I might add), and you've suppressed information about all instances in which the Legionnaires have heroically discharged their duties (most especially in the instance of Black Dawn, and you know what that cost us).

Unfortunately, those of us who were determined to fight against your unjust interference made the tactical error of remaining on Earth instead of immediately regrouping elsewhere.

As Sun Boy discovered, holding together the remaining Legionnaires was a hopeless task, given the frustrations of your constant, malevolent interference.

And my attempts to organize a new Legion membership have only proven your government will unfairly persecute any group that attempts to fight injustice under the proud flag of the Legion.

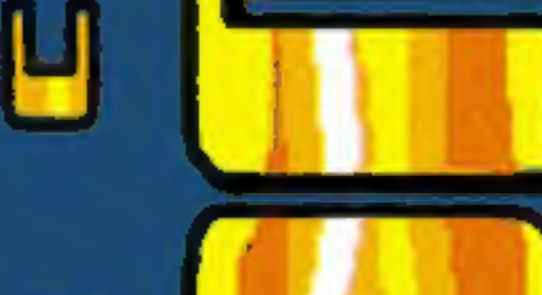
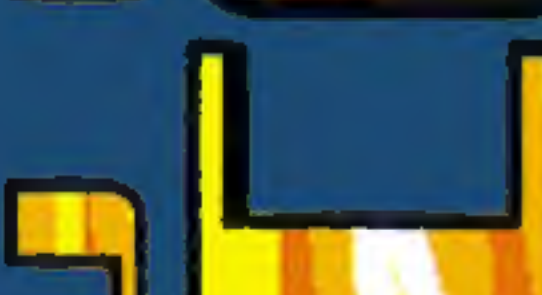
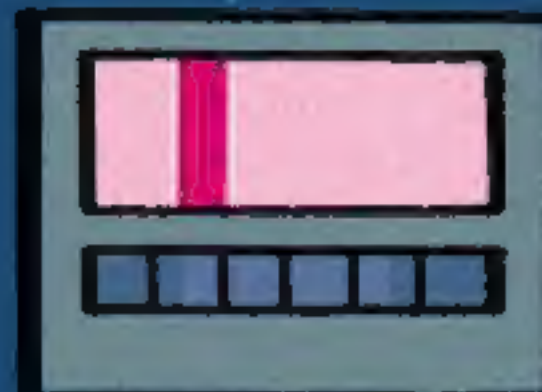
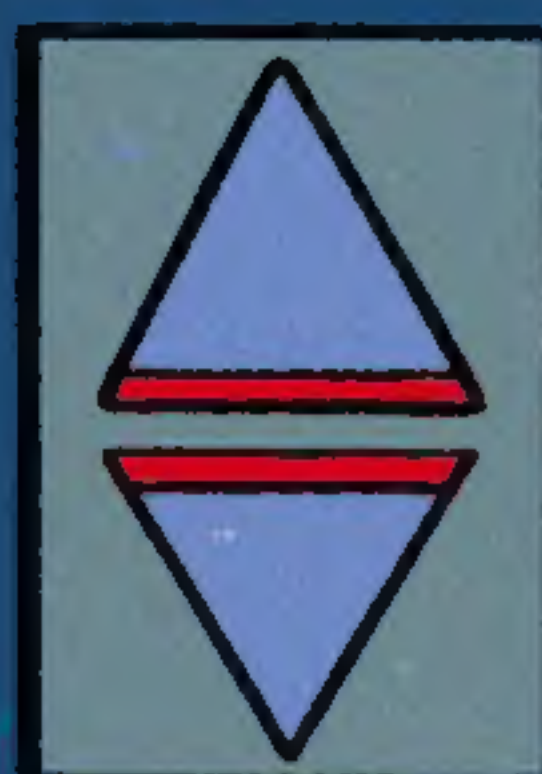
It's with a heavy heart that I dissolve this revered organization. But I'll save my deepest fears and sorrows for this planet.

Never has Earth faced greater threats and challenges. Never has it more desperately needed the Legion to aid in its protection.

May heaven help you.

Sincerely,

Brek Bannin
Polar Boy
Leader, Legion of
Super-Heroes (Ret.)



TIRED OF STARING AT THE
SAME OLD FOUR WALLS
EVERY DAY?



TIRED OF PAYING
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FOR DRAB QUARTERS?

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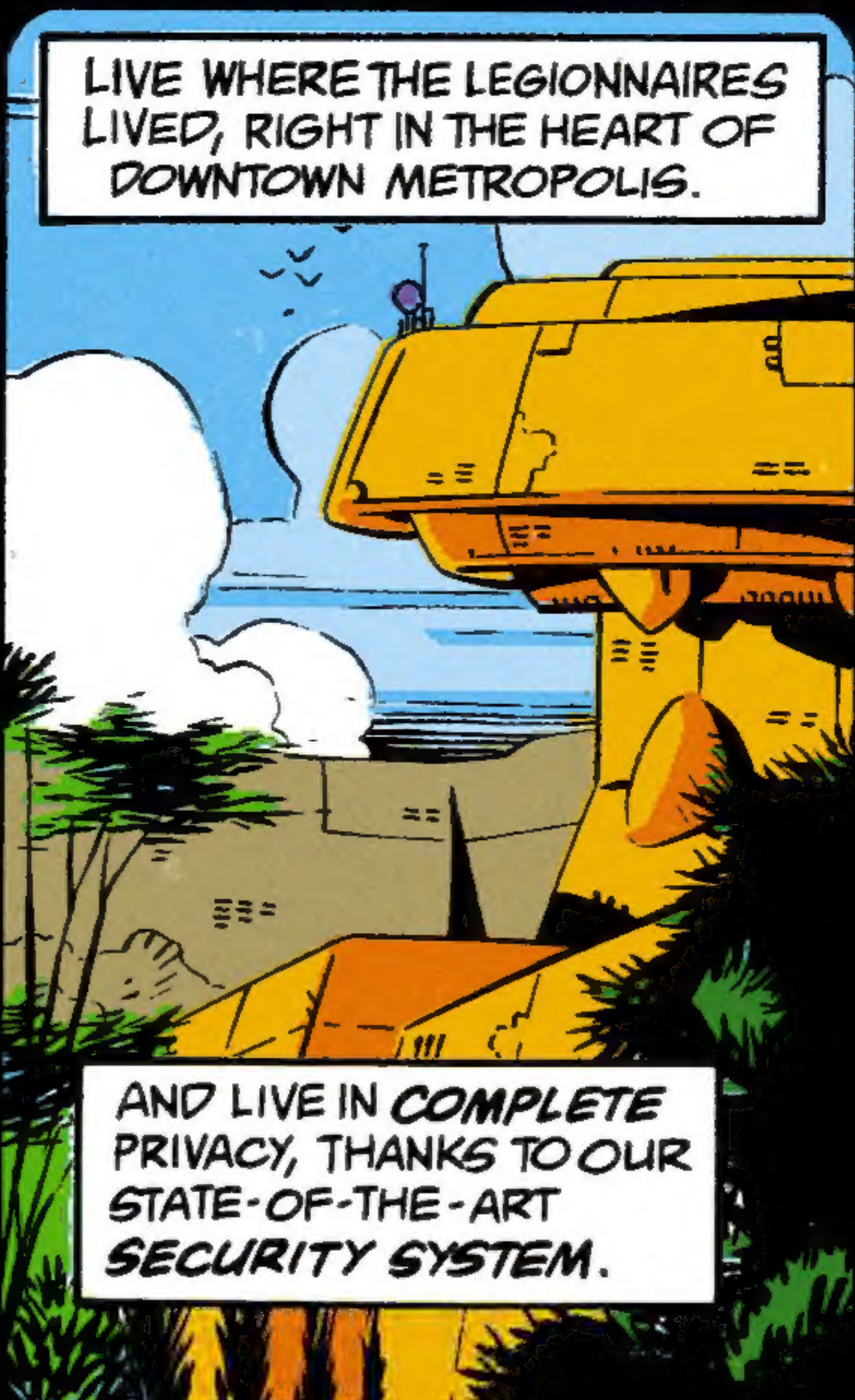


Flight Ring Village

YES, IT'S FLIGHT RING VILLAGE,
THE *ULTIMATE* IN LIVING
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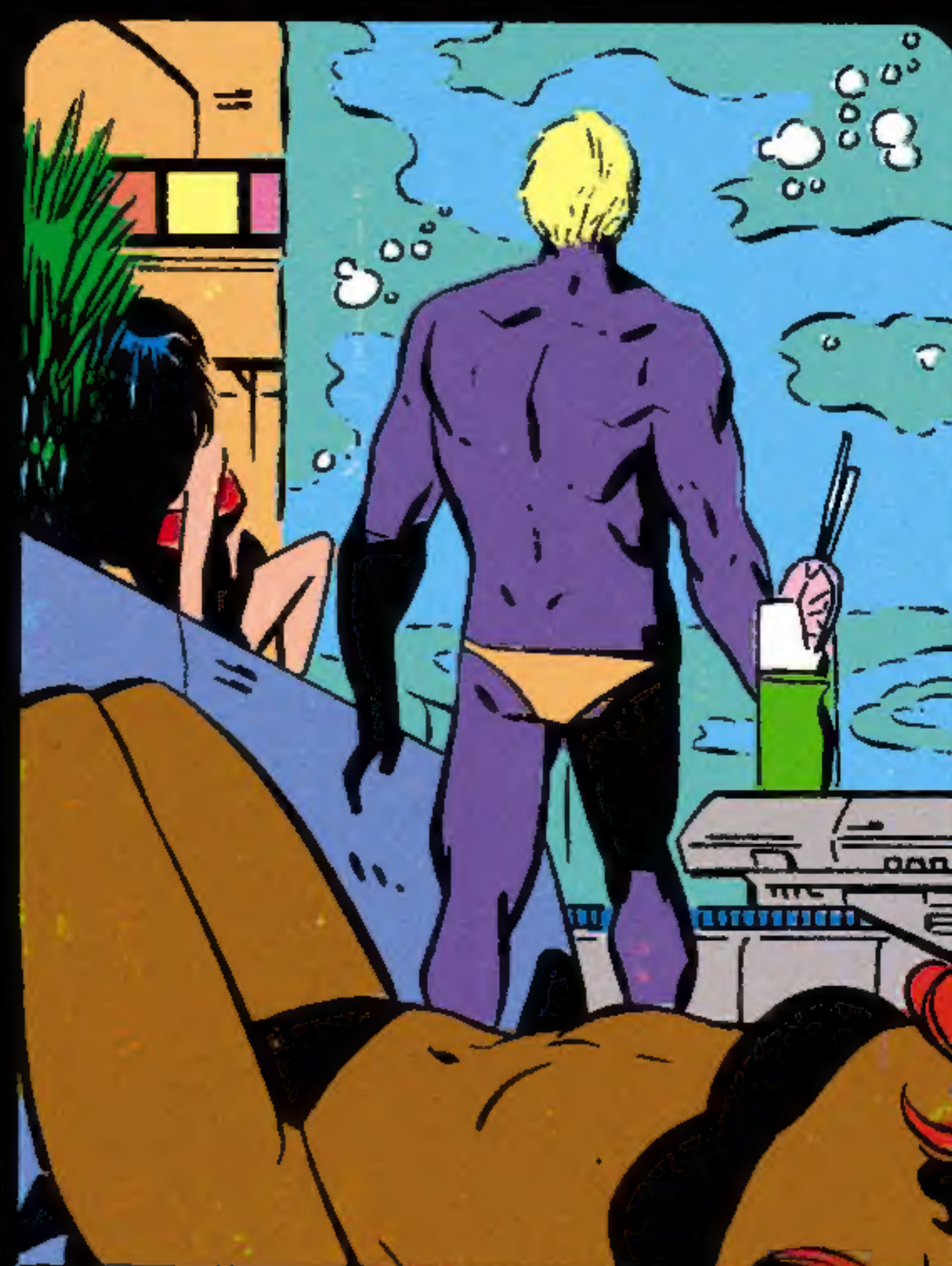
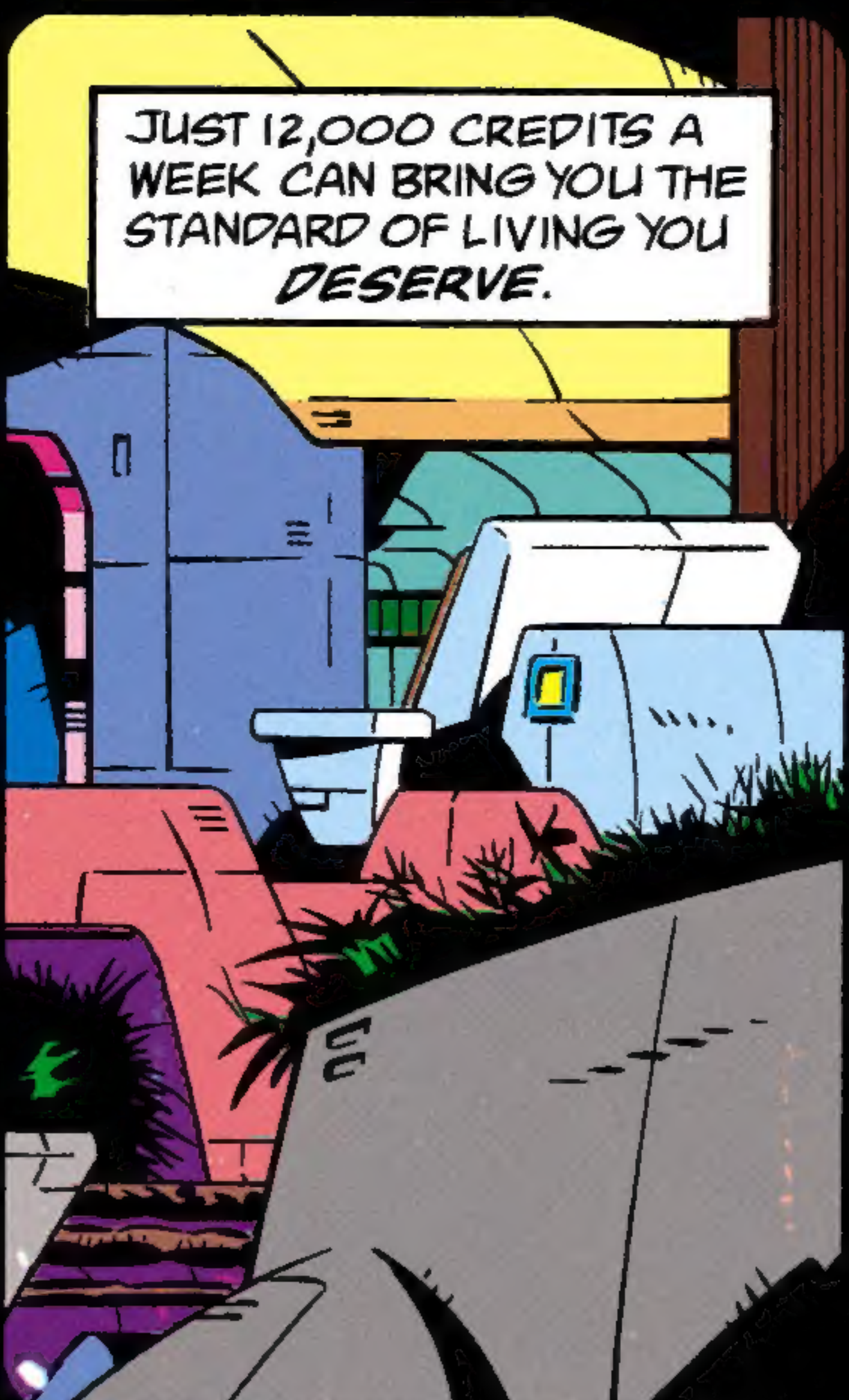


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LIVED, RIGHT IN THE HEART OF
DOWNTOWN METROPOLIS.



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